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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
MEETING OF FRIENDS

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends
held 7th mo. 24th 1845

The clerk of this meeting having seperated herself from friends by uniting with others in an open schism at our last Yearly Meeting and having also refused to read extracts from the minutes of our Yearly and Quarterly Meetings which have been presented to the Meeting at this time Friends cannot therefore any longer acknowledge her as clerk of this New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, and Friends having considered the subject propose Elizabeth H. Eddy as clerk which is united with and she accordingly appointed to that service for the day or until another appointment.

Extracts from the minutes of New England Yearly and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings embracing appointments of committies to visit subordinate meetings and render such advice and assistance as circumstances shall require, and way open for in best wisdom has been read at this time to our satisfaction and they are as follows.

At an Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Rhode Island, from the 15th of the 6th mo to the 23rd of the same inclusive, 1845.

A concern having spread over this meeting on account of the painful state of things in our Society and men friends having informed that they had appointed a committee to visit subordinate meetings for the purpose of advising and assisting them in maintaining our Christian discipline and good order, in the transaction of their business, and in order to promote the same; and for the preservation of our ancient principles and testimonies, this meeting unites with them, and appoints, Mary Buffington, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mabelable Eddy, Lydia Anna Mary Davis, Ruth Foster, Mary Buffington 2nd, Mary Gardner, Judith Swift, Elizabeth Mott, Sylvia R. Arthur, Mary Chase, Ruth Chase, Elizabeth Perry, Lucretia Tucker, Mary Paddock, Sarah Morgan, Lydia Wilbur, and Martha S. Gould, to join men friends in the service: We also unite with men friends in granting liberty to the Quarterly Meetings, to change the time and place of holding them from what is now provided by the Discipline if circumstances should appear to render such change necessary.

the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, and they are requested to report such change, if any should be made; in the accounts to this meeting next year and the committee are requested to report their proceedings at the same time.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid

Martha S Gould Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 3rd of 7th mo 1845

Our men Friends informed that on account of the painful state of things within the limits of this Yearly Meeting they have appointed a Committee to visit Subordinate meetings and extend such advice and assistance as circumstances shall require and way open for — with which this meeting unites, and appoints Mary, Mary Thay Davis, Susan Mitchell, Mary Barnard, Eliza C Tripp, Susan R Smith, Maria R Wilbur, Adelaide Eddy, Judith Swift, and Lucretia Tucker, to join them in the service; and report their proceedings to our next meeting — We also unite with our men Friends in granting to our monthly meetings the liberty of altering the time and place of holding them as circumstances may appear necessary — and they are requested to report such change if any be made, in their accounts to the Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute and sign it on this meetings behalf.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid.

Sarah H Paddock Clerk to the day

Extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minute calculated for the information and encouragement of such as were not favoured to meet with friends in a Yearly Meeting capacity have been read to our satisfaction at this present time.

Men friends inform that in consequence of not being able to transact the business of the meeting select from those who have seperated from us and without intermission they have concluded to adjourn to meet at Job Eddys house this afternoon at 4 o'clock with such this meeting unites and accordingly adjourns.

Friends met agreable to adjournment near the 4th hour.

The Overseers of this meeting having gone with the seperatists and and they also retaining all the records and papers from us we have no correct way of ascertaining the exact time of their appointment we have therefore concluded to appoint Mary Ann Taber & Mehetable Eddy. to that service for the ensuing year or intill another appointment.

We also appoint Lydia Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy as Overseers of the poor for the ensueing year. They are to have a care over such members as belong to our monthly meeting and are debilitated either by accident sickness or old age and have no means of obtaining things to make them comfortable and render them such assistance as the case may seem to require and report to this meeting at the expiration of the year

Friends feeling a concern that all funerals both of friends and others coming under our notice be conducted in an orderly manner we appoint Mary Ann Taber and Lydia Barnard to attend such and use their endeavours that they be conducted in an manner consistant with our profession.

Men friends inform the subject of meetings for worship claiming their serious attention at this time it was concluded that it would tend to more usefulness under the present trying state of things should an alteration be made in regard to the place of holding them and that it was the united judgement of that meeting that they be hereafter held at the house of Job Eddy intill a change be desired and that the times of meeting be the same as heretofore with the expection of the meetings on first day which is altered to 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 in the afternoon. They also informed us they concluded to unite the two Preparative meetings heretofore comprising New Bedford monthly meeting in one and that it be held in New Bedford and be called New Bedford Preparative meeting with which this meeting unites.

Men Friends inform they have concluded to hold our next monthly meeting at the usual time at this place with which this meeting unites.

1845 At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends.
8 mo 28 held 8th mo 2. 8th 1845

At a New Bedford Preparative Meeting has transmitted its accounts to us at this time by their representatives who are Mehetable C. Eddy and Lydia T. Barnard. whose names being called are all present.

1845 At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Woman Friends
9 mo 25 held the 25th of Ninth month 1845.

We heave recevd the the accounts from our Preparative meeting, and the representatives Chosen named are Mary Ann Taber, and Elizabeth H. Eddy whose names being called are present

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first, second, and tenth; — which are approved and directed to be forwarded with an — account to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Mary Ann Taber, and Lydia T. Barnard, whom this meeting appoints and they are requested to report their attendance to our next Monthly Meeting

We have received the extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minutes which have been read to our satisfaction.

We have had the company and assistance of quite a number of the Committee under an appointment from the Quarterly meeting to visit subordinate Meetings at this time as well as at our previous Meetings which has been truly gratefull to us, and the clerk is directed to forward this information to the account to the Quarterly Meeting

Although we have not received any official information of any change being made in the place of holding our next Quarterly Meeting we have been informed by those that attended the last Meeting that such a change was made and that the place of holding it in the ~~first~~ months was changed from Sandwich to Nantucket and

the Clerk is directed to forward her account accordingly

This meeting having united with new Friends in that of meeting only of the privaledge as allowed by the Quartly Meeting in changeing its location it is concluded that our meetings for Discipline as all our meetings continue to be held at the house of Job Eddy until a change be desired. This information is directed to be forwarded in our account to the Quartly Meeting which account is directed to be signed by the Clerk on this meeting's behalf

10 mo 23 1845 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 10 mo 23 d 1845

We have received the account from our Preparative Meeting and the representatives therein named are Elizabeth H Eddy and Mary Ann Taber whose names being called are present.

The representatives to the Quartly Meeting report they attended to their appointment.

11 mo 27 1845 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 27th of the 11 mo 1845

In the account received from the preparative Meeting the representatives therein named are Mary Ann Taber and Lydia T Barnard whose names being called are present

The representatives forwarded to this Meeting answers to the first second and tenth Queries for its consideration which have been read and approved and directed to be prepared together with an account signed by the Clerk to our next Quartly Meeting by our representatives Mary Ann Taber Lydia T Barnard and Mehetable Eddy whom this Meeting appoints to that service and they are appointed to report to this Meeting next month

The year having expired for which the Committee was appointed to visit and attend to the Rochester meeting and meet Friends informing that they had thought best to continue the meeting one year (or until this meeting shall direct

otherwise) under the care of a similar committee. This meeting unites with them and appoints Mary Ann Taber, and Lydia J Barnard as a committee to join men Friends in the service

12 mo 25

1845 At a New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 12 mo 25 The clerk being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day

The accounts received from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Lydia J Barnard and Hetty E Taber whose names being called are present.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended to their appointment

1st 22nd

1846 At the Regular Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st 22nd 1846

The Clerk being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day

The accounts received from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named is Mehitable Eddy whose name being called is present

2nd 1st 22nd

1846 At the Regular Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd 22nd 1846.

The clerk being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed for the day

The accounts from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Mehitable Eddy and Lydia J Barnard who are all present.

3rd Mo 26th

1846 At the Regular Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3rd mo 26th 1846

The Clerk not being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed for the day The accounts from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Mary Ann Taber and Lydia J Barnard who are present.

The queries with answers have been read in this meeting

Ann Taber and the Clerk is directed to sign the account and forward to the Yearly Meeting.

5th mo 13th
1845 At the Representative Meeting held at New Bedford Monthly Meeting House
5th mo 13th 1845

By the account received from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Michetable Eddy and Lydia J Barnard whose names being called are present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended to their appointment

5th mo 28th
1845 At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting held at Women Friends
held 5th mo 28th 1845

In the accounts from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Lydia J Barnard, and Mary Ann Taber, whose names being called are present

5th mo 25th
1846 At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting at Women Friends
held 5th mo 25th 1846

By the account received from the Preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Michetable Eddy and Lydia J Barnard whose names being called are present

The Queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth which are approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting with an account signed by the clerk by our representatives who are Michetable Eddy and Lydia J Barnard whom this meeting appoints to that service and they are requested to report at our next Monthly meeting.

7th mo 18th
1846 At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting at Women Friends
held 7th mo 25th 1846

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Elizabeth H Eddy and Lydia J Barnard whose names being called are present

The Queries for which the Clerk of this meeting was directed Elizabeth H Eddy a minister

appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that Mehetable Eddy is not able to attend by indisposition

The ones for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having appeared Mehetable Eddy and Mary Ann Tabor are appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment

Lydia J Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy are reappointed overseers of the poor for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Mary Ann Tabor and Lydia J Barnard are appointed to attend and have the care of such burials as come under the notice of Friends for the year or until another appointment

A suitable house having been erected on 5th Street for the use of this Meeting unto Friends inform they have concluded that our Preparative Meetings and meetings for worship be held at that place for the future with which this meeting unites and accordingly adjourns next to meet at that place

8mo 27th
1846

At New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women friends held 8mo 27th 1846

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Mehetable Eddy and Lydia J Barnard whose names being called are present

9mo 24th
1846

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women friends held 9th mo 24th 1846

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Elizabeth H Eddy and Mary Ann Tabor whose names being called are present

The first second and tenth Queries were read in this meeting with answers thereto which are approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting

10th mo 22d
1846

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 10th mo 22d 1846

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Lydia T Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy whose names being called are present

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report they attended to their appointment

Extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minutes have been received and read at this time to our satisfaction

11th mo 2d
1846

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 11th mo 26th 1846

In the account from the Preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Mehetable Eddy and Elizabeth H Eddy whose names being called are present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three which are approved and directed to be forwarded together with an account signed by the clerk to our next Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Mehetable Eddy and Mary Ann Tabor whom this Meeting appoints to that service and they are requested to report next month

Having changed the place of holding our meeting as proposed in seventh mo last the clerk is required to give such information in the account to the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed in eleventh month last year to take the care of Rachel Brownell report way has not opened for any service and it is concluded by this meeting to continue the same

committee to have this care and attend their meeting if way should be open for it and report next year

We have received at this time a minuted certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting on behalf of Valentine Meader his wife Mercy H his wife and Mary Anna their minor daughter which is accepted by us having the concurrence of our friends

19th to 24th

1846 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held the 24th of the twenty fourth 1846

In the account from the preparative Meeting the representatives there named are Susan Wilbur and Mercy H Meader whose names being called are present

The representatives as appointed last Month to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended to their appointment

Our Friend inform they have appointed a committee to assist the recorder in ascertaining the names of the members of said meeting with which this meeting unites and appoint Lydia T Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy as a committee to join them in the service

1st to 28th

1847 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held first month twenty eighth 1847

In the account from the preparative Meeting the representatives there in named are Lydia T Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy whose names being called are present

The following extracts from our Yearly Meetings minutes have been received and read at a previous meeting to our satisfaction, but were unintentionally omitted recording

At New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th of the 5th month to the 19th

of the same conference 1840

We have been again permitted through the kindness of our Heavenly Father to meet in this our annual assembly to believe it has been a season in which many hearts have been drawn together and united by the power of the Spirit which gathers into the love and life of Truth baptizing in the name of the Father and the Son and the evidence has been sweetly afforded that all those who are fed with the same spiritual food and refreshed from the same inexhaustable fountains are made to feel in one—that as there is but one Lord and one Faith, so there is but one spiritual and saving baptism, and the living members of the true church are hereby prepared in childlike obedience to their Lord in the unity of the Faith, being baptized by the one Spirit into the one Body, of which he remains to be the blessed and adorable Head.

We considering the state of Society as brought to view by the answers to the Queries, & as instructive counsel and advice have been tendered respecting, particularly with respect to the attendance of our religious meetings, and a desire expressed that friends might not neglect little things to prevent them from assembling together in their little meetings at home and when this gathered become so careless and unconcerned as to give way to sleep and thereby bring a reproach on our profession.

We also been reminded of the great responsibility which under the present trying circumstances rests upon our Society—that we have made ourselves conspicuous in the eyes of the world, and that and as we abide in an humble dependance on the Great Head of the Church, can we walk circumspectly before men, adorning by our lives and conversation with a becoming propriety and seriousness of deportment that we have been with Jesus, that we are governed by his spirit and are aiming at the [illegible] promotion of his cause in the

Earth

An affectionate salutation was also expressed for those among us to whom we entrusted the tender cords of the flock, that they may seek to the alone source of all Good for help to enable them to bring such up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord carefully and faithfully restraining them from a conformity to the world and to its vain fashions and customs remembering that the future welfare of our Society very much depends on the rising generation, who ere long will be called to fill the places of their brethren bearers, who we feel persuaded we are required not only to maintain, but in a peculiar manner to suffer for the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, but if they are made willing patiently to endure unto the end, there is a crown will make for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Truly the witness in many hearts has been reached and we have been favoured to sit together as in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, baptized into a precious oneness of spirit and united in a harmonious exercise for the welfare of the Body – and it is our earnest desire that we may all continue steadfast in the Faith growing in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ until we come to a perfect Stature in Him.

We have received Memorials from Darby Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friends Benjamin Bartindon and Ruth Bartindon which has made our Meeting

Essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings on this Continent and to those of London and Dublin have been prepared and being approved by this meeting were directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded.

Our Friends inform us that they have granted to the Quarterly Meetings the same privilege as last year in regard to the changing the time and place

of Nantucket Quarterly Meeting as in their judgment may appear to render such change necessary with which this meeting unites and they are requested to report such change if any be made in their accounts to this meeting next year.

We have been favoured through the several sittings of this meeting to transact the business which has come before us in harmony and under the precious covering we have to us at this time we conclude.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by Mark H Dunn Clerk

2d mo 25th 1847

At a Select Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held second month twenty eight 1847

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Lydia T Coe and Elizabeth H Edds whose names being called are present

The following information respecting Mary Coe is received through these Representatives meeting at this time and which account we appoint Mary H Meader and Elizabeth H. Edds a committee to labour with her on account of the deviations therein contained and they are requested to report at our next Monthly Meeting

The New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends to this meeting informs that Mary Coe has for a long time absented from our meetings and her residence in setting up and sustaining seperate meetings; on which account we have visited her and endeavored to convince her of her departure from Friends which we were unable to do. She justifies herself in the course she was pursuing. On behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth H Edds

New Bedford 2 mo 28th 1847 Mary H Meader

And also the following information respecting Mary Eddy on which account we appoint Mercy H. Meader Lydia T. Barnard and Elizabeth H. Eddy a committee to labour with her on account of her revelations and and report next Month

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends the Overseers report that Mary Eddy has for some time neglected the attendance of our Meetings; on which account we have visited her. She did not seem disposed to offer any satisfaction to friends or any encouragement of attending our meetings in future. On behalf of the overseers

Mehitable Eddy

New Bedford 2 mo 18th 1847 Mary Ann Tabor

25th 3d mo 1847

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women held 25th 3d mo 1847

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein are Mehitable Eddy and Mercy H Meader who on their names being called were present

The Queries with answers thereto were read at this time and approved and they together with an account signed by the clerk are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Mercy H Meader and Elizabeth H Eddy whom this meeting appoints to that service and they are requested to report next month

The committee as by minute of last month in the case of Mary Card make the following report namely. Unwilling to appointment we have visited Mary Card on the subjects of the complaint against her - She manifested no desire to make Friends any satisfaction, but on the contrary justified her present course, refusing to acknowledge any right of the committee to deal with her, or any subordination to our Meeting — We therefore are of the belief that any further labours in her case would be

meeting, which we referred to the monthly meeting

Mercy H Meader

New Bedford 3mo 24th, 1847 Elizabeth H Eddy

which report is accepted by this meeting and we accordingly keep her the right of membership with the concurrence of men Friends and Mary Ann Tabor is named to inform her thereof. Inasmuch as she being a minister in society the clerk is directed to entrust this information in the account to the Quarterly meeting

One of the committee as appointed last month in the case of Mary Eddy report that in consequence of the indisposition of the individual they were not ready to report

We have received at this time a removal certificate from Salem monthly Meeting on behalf of Edna Hussey which has been read and accepted by this meeting we having the concurrence of men Friends

This meeting unites with men Friends in the disownment of Abram Sherman Jr

Lydia H Eddy Clerk

[illegible]

1847 held fourth month twenty second 1847

The the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Rhoda Kelly and [illegible]

The representatives as appointed by minute of last [illegible]

[illegible]

that she had attended to the appointment in the case of [illegible]

One of the committee in the case of Mary Eddy [illegible]

The following information is received at this [illegible]

[illegible] and Elizabeth H Eddy
[illegible] with a certificate of their
[illegible]

[illegible]

We have received at this time a certificate
from Westfield [illegible] of
Hannah P Gifford which has been read and accepted by
us and the men's meeting

5th mo 17th
1847

At a New Bedford monthly Meeting of women Friends
held the twenty fifth seventh of fifth month 1847

In the account from the preparative meeting
the representatives therein named were Hebzibeth
Eddy and Mercy H Meader whose names being called
are present

One of the committee in the case of Mary
Eddy informs they are not prepared to report thereon
it is still continued another month under the
care of the same committee

The committee appointed as by minute of
last month in the cases of Susan Rowland Phebe
Swift and Susan Allen make the following report
in the cases of Susan Rowland and Phebe Swift
namely

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting
held by adjournment to appointment we have visited Susan Rowland
on account of the complaint brought against her. She manifests
no disposition to make friendly satisfaction and appears to acknowledge
as a committee from the Monthly Meeting for the cause
in her case we believe would be unsatisfying which we
leave it

New Bedford 5th mo 20th 1847

(Mary [illegible] Jr)
(Susan Mosher)

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Ph. le Swift on account of the complaint against her She manifested an entire satisfaction in the course she was pursuing and had no desire to make any change and said friends must do in her case as they thought best which we submit to New Bedford monthly meeting

New Bedford 5 mo 26th 1847

Mary Ann Tabor
Anna Hussey committee

which report was accepted by this meeting and they are accordingly denied the right of membership in our society we having the concurrence of men friends therein and Sylvanus J Barnard is appointed to inform them thereof and report to our next monthly meeting

Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk

The committee in the case of Susan Allen informs they are not ready to report it is therefore continued another month

We have received at this time the following copy of minute from our last Quarterly Meeting minute namely

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

It appearing that a portion of the members of the late Sandwich Monthly Meeting are desirous of being annexed to New Bedford, it is the judgement of this meeting that the request of friends who wish to be thus annexed, should be granted in consideration that no inconvenience may ensue to them in consequence of the dissolution of that meeting, as provided for by our discipline in such cases and Cyprian Kelly with Rhoda his wife and their children Eleazer and Isaac, and Stephen Swift with Judith his wife and their children Browning, Sylvanus, and Samuel C. H. are accordingly annexed to the Monthly Meeting of New Bedford, the women friends having united with us herein, and the clerk is directed to furnish the New Bedford Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford 1st of 4th mo 1847 Peleg Mitchell Clerk
Elizabeth H Eddy clerk pro tem

[illegible] the within mentioned names directed to be recorded

The committee in the case of Sarah Coffin
late Barry appointed the following report namely
To the monthly meeting

We your committee in the case
of Sarah Coffin late Barry report that we have visited her
on the subject of the complaint against her She manifests
no disposition to condemn her deviations and did not
wish to be retained a member of society in unity therefore
further labour from us will not be required which is
submitted to the judgment of the meeting

New Bedford 5th mo 26th 1847

(Lydia F Barnard)
(Elizabeth H Eddy) Com.

and in accordance with which we deem her the rights
of membership we having the unity of the mens meeting
and Elizabeth H Eddy is appointed to inform her thereof
and report to our next monthly meeting

Elizabeth H Eddy clerk

This meeting concurs with the minute
for disownment of William C Taber and William Perry
Haviland

6th mo 24th
1847

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Friends held
the 24th month 6th mo 1847

We have received the account from the preparative
meeting by which it appears the representatives are Abigail
Barney and Lydia F Barnard who on their names being
called are present

The minute with [illegible] to the pro-
posed visit with [illegible] was read and approved in
this meeting and is directed to be forwarded to the
next an account signed by the clerk to our next
Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Richard
Eddy and [illegible] and they are requested to
report to this meeting next month

The committee appointed in 4th mo last in the case
of Susan Allen produce the following report at
this time viz

To Nine Bedford Monthly Meeting of
Women Friends

Agreeable to appointment we have
visited Susan Allen and laboured with her on the
subjects of complaint against her. She expressed
entire satisfaction in the course she was pursuing
and manifested no disposition to change which we submit
for the consideration of the meeting

Nine Bedford 2nd mo 22nd 1847

Mary Ann Taber
Anna Barney

which is accepted by this meeting and they accordingly
denied the right of membership are having the concurrence
of men friends have and Elizabeth H Ellis is appointed
to inform her thereof and report to this meeting next
month. Elizabeth H Ellis clerk

The friend as appointed by minute of last
month to inform Susan Borland and Phebe Pierce
of their disownment report that have been informed

The friend appointed to inform Sarah Coggeshall
late Barney of the minute made against her informs
it has been attended to

We have received through the preparative
at this time the following complaint on behalf of
the Overseers against Susan Borland viz

To Nine Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
We have to inform that Susan Borland has wholly
neglected the attendance of our meetings and has given her
support to those of a separate body both by her attendance and
cooperation with them in which account we have had an
interview with her and endeavoured in the gentle spirit
to convince her of her departure from the principles of Friends
but she did seem willing to receive any advice or give any
encouragement of attending our meetings in future which
we submit for the consideration of the meeting

Nine Bedford 2nd mo 8th 1847. Committee appointed by Nine Bedford

an which account we appoint Anna Hussey and Elizabeth H Eddy a committee to labour with her on account of the deviations therein mentioned and report to our next monthly meeting

[illegible] in the case of [illegible] inform the [illegible] have not [illegible] prepared to make a full report

[illegible] to the [illegible]

Jan 29
1847

At the Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held second month twenty seventh 1847

We have received the account from the preparative meeting by which it appears the representatives therein named are Rhoda Kelley and Mary Ann Taber who on their names being called are present

The time having expired for which the last of this meeting was appointed Elizabeth H Eddy is appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment

The time having also [illegible] expired for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed Mehitable Eddy Mary Ann Taber and Anna Hussey are appointed to that station for the year ensuing or until another appointment

Lydia T Barnard and Mercy H Meader are appointed overseers of the poor for one year or until another appointment

Anna Hussey and Rhoda Kelley are appointed a committee to have the care of such funerals as come under the care of friends for the year ensuing

The following complaint is received through the preparative meeting at this time against Abigail Rowland viz

At the Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held in Bedford the 27th of 2nd month 1847 Abigail Rowland has for some time past neglected the attendance of the meetings and also the service of the members from this monthly meeting and acknowledges her unity with them we have laboured with her in

the ability afforded to convince her of her departure from the principles of Friends, She treated us kindly but did not give any encouragement of attending our meetings in future

New Bedford 7mo 15th 1847 } Overseers
Mehetable Eddy
Mary Ann Tabor

On which account Lydia H Barnard and Mary Ann Tabor are appointed a committee to visit and labour with her on account of the deviation therein named and report to the meeting next month

And also the following against Sarah H Anthony namely

At New Bedford 6th day Meeting of Women Friends

We inform you that we have visited Sarah H Anthony on account of her having for a long time entirely neglected the attendance of our meetings and giving encouragement to a separate body by her attendance and union with them and proposes to be disowned which we submit to the meeting

Mehetable Eddy } Overseers
Mary Ann Tabor } New Bedford 7th mo 15th 1847

On which account we appoint Mercy H Meader & Elizabeth H Eddy a committee to labour with her in the ability afforded for her restoration

[illegible] Women Friends Yearly Meeting, held at New Bedford the 15th day of the 9th month 1847 directed to be recorded

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held by adjournments, from the 13th to the 17th inclusive of 9th mo 1847

The state of society as presented by the answers to the Queries, being under consideration much concern and exercise of mind has been manifested in regard to the due attendance of our religious meetings and the maintenance of a right exercise of mind therein, we have been fervently engaged against unwatchfulness and indifference which in many instances is evidently giving way to a lukewarmness disposition and so being overcome with drowsiness a temptation of the unwearied enemy (who is continually seeking to ensnare the unwary) to which some are peculiarly exposed

The meeting has been entreated to watch over the members of our religious society and to the maintenance of our ancient principles and testimonies which we as a people are still called upon to uphold; and much desire has been raised that such as have been favoured to stand faithful in the support of these against the invasions which have been recently made within our borders may continue to stand on their way: and that increased watchfulness & circumspection may be observed by all our members, seeing that we are individually

accountable for our steward ship and that the eyes of the world are upon us in whose mind we have made ourselves conspicuous by the profession we are making

The Love Feasts which have been allotted us have been favored seasons and a concern has been opened that they may answer the effect designed of drawing us nearer to the source and fountain of divine consolation and causing us that in our faith and confidence being from time to time renewed in Him who has thus far made a way for us where there seemed to be no way we may experience the blessing of preservation and establishment upon that foundation which standeth sure Christ Jesus, the Rock of ages.

The committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings produced the following report which is accepted and Falmouth Northfield Gloucester Leigh and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting still committing to what their state to this meeting, it being informed that our mens meeting had continued the Friends more under appointment to extend care to these and other subordinate meetings as desired by minute of last year we unite therewith and recommend Mary Page, Mary Hussey, Elizabeth Hall, Mary Davis, Ruth Chase, Mary Tabor, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Mary Purington, Hannah Burgess, Susan Perry, Lois R Wilbur, Lois T Ives, and Mercy Gifford, to join them in the service and report to the next meeting may it prove

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present, when cases occur of proposals for marriage by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly meeting or in the monthly meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no separation that a satisfactory certificate from a united Friends who may reside within the limits of such monthly Meeting or the vicinity thereof be received in the same manner and for the same purpose as certificates have hitherto been received from monthly meetings

The youth have been earnestly and affectionately invited to submit to the power of the cross of Christ by which they would be preserved from the contaminating influence of improper associations, and being made willing to appear as fools for his sake and to follow him the beloved of souls in the way of the cross they would be filled with the reward of that peace which the world can neither give nor take away

In this Yearly Meeting we have been favoured to feel the good presence of the Shepherd of Israel - strengthening and encouraging us under our various trials - uniting our hearts to Him and one unto another and enabling us to rejoice, in that we have been permitted to suffer for His sake who remains to be the alone helper His people.

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.
By Martha S Gould Clerk

A communication from an Esteemed Friend Esther Austin as received through the Yearly Meeting was read at this time to our edification and comfort and which together with this minute is directed to be placed on our records and is as follows

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dearly beloved my soul breathes unto the fountain for your preservation in the unchangeable truth as well as for my self that you may be strengthened to hold on your way - give not back for it is those that continue to the end that shall receive the crown even that crown that can never fade away Keep all your meetings in the power of God and witness that to be over all - let it remain in the smallness of your numbers although it be reduced as Gideons of old for he is an all powerful captain who never was for lack in battle - run leaders in the field and with a living all of conquerors that faithfully follow Him Those that are willing to suffer with Him and to be reproached for His namesake - where he reigns shall also reign with Him for where I am he says there shall also my servant be. The servant is not greater than his Lord neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub how much more shall they call those of his household. Therefore take courage may we abide in Him the true and living vine, as the branch can not bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine no more can ye except ye abide in me, for without me ye can do nothing. And may we so abide in Him that we may be enabled to discern all the stratagems of the enemy in his transformed appearances that every thing may be removed that is not of his own begetting that has crept in amongst us that the Church may again stand forth in its ancient splendor and be seen coming up from

the wilderness journey upon his beloved feet as the Dear Son as he was enable to go in any path Prince. Take it up by faith & the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth & he will surely bless the Lord & magnify his holy name in giving the heart of the Redeemer to glory.

When the Lord vouchsafes to be among you in the gathered assembly that all may be done to his glory and to the benefit of his people remember if any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God if any man minister let him do it of the ability that God giveth. Finally my friends be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might put on the whole armour of God and take the sword of the spirit that you may be enabled to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. So prayeth your friend Though absent in body yet present in Spirit

Esther Austin

West Branch 6th mo 11th 1847

The friend named last month to inform Susan Allen of the disownment informs she is not prepared to report.

The committee appointed last month in the case of Dean Haviland produce the following report at this time, viz.

To the Burlington monthly Meeting of Friends

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Dean Haviland and treated with her in regard to the complaint brought against her She did not manifest any disposition to return to Friends or justified the course She was pursuing. We believe further labor in her case to be useless which we submit to the meeting.

Anna Evans
Elizabeth H Eady } Com

New Bedford 7th mo 22d 1847

which is satisfactory to the Meeting and he is accordingly dismissed the right of membership as having [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

on the subject and refused to make Friends any satisfaction for the deviations. We think further labor in the case would not be useful, which we submit. Hannah Macy
Lydia T Barnard } comt
Elizabeth H Eddy

New Bedford 7mo 21st 1847

which is accepted by the meeting and in accordance therewith a minute of denial made against her for having the unity of mens meeting with and Hannah Russell is named to inform her thereof and that to our next monthly meeting

Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report

8mo 26th 1847

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 8mo 26th 1847

The committee in the case of Abigail Russell is prepared to report that they have visited her and have found her to be in unity with being called as present.

The committee in the case of Abagail Russell produce the following minute viz

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

We your committee in the case of Abigail Russell. Not agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity with her, and as way opened for it we endeavored to convince her of her departure from the principles of friends, and her neglect in the attendance of our meetings She expressed satisfaction in attending the meetings of the society from friends and her unity with their proceedings, which we submit to the consideration of the meeting

Hannah Macy } comtt
Lydia T Barnard

New Bedford 8mo 25th 1847

Which being considered is accepted by this meeting and she is fully owned the right of membership in connexion with Friends and Elizabeth H Eddy is named to inform her of it and report to this meeting next month

Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible] Boyard Board Meeting of Christian Friends
[illegible] Committee in the case of [illegible] Reports that she
has [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] that she
[illegible] in the ability appeared have labored [illegible]
reformation and to restore her to society

The committee [illegible] much sympathy for
our society but felt [illegible] in the course she had been pursuing
and gave no encouragement of attending our meetings in future

We do not think further labor from us in her case
will be useful, but submit this for the consideration of the
[illegible] meeting

Mary H Meader
Elizabeth H Eddy } comm

[illegible] 2nd 1889

which being considered is accepted by the meeting and the
committee is [illegible] the right of membership in having the
unity of this meeting and Lucia F Barnard is appointed
to inform her thereof and she is requested to report to our
[illegible] meeting.

Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk

The friend appointed in 8th month last to inform
Susan Allen of her disownment reports she has been
informed

The friend named to inform Desire
Tinkham of the minute of denial with appeal of
if has been attended to

[illegible] has been informed that
that Mary Eddy has been informed of her disownment
from our society

[illegible]

[illegible] Boyard Monthly Meeting of Friends

[illegible] has [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] from this monthly meeting but by the [illegible] of this

meeting and action with them on which account he have had an interview with her She appears satisfied with the course she was pursuing and gave no encouragement of returning to Friends which we submit to the consideration of the meeting.

On behalf of the Overseers

Mehetable Eldy

New Bedford 8 mo 18 th 1847

on which account Lydia T Barnard and Elizabeth W. Eddy are appointed a committee to visit her and in the Unity exercise endeavor to convince her of the departure from our Society.

And also the following against

Lydia Russell

To the Second Monthly Meeting of Friends

We inform that we have visited Lydia Russell on account of her absenting herself from our meetings and attending those of the Seceders for this month meeting

She appeared to be [illegible] in the course she was pursuing and manifested no disposition to attend our meetings as put in which we submit to the consideration of the meeting.

On behalf of the Overseers

Mehetable Eddy

New Bedford 9 mo 18 th 1847

which case is submitted to the care of the same Committee and they are appointed to report in the cases next month

We unite with our friends in the disownment of Joseph Davis and Phebe Ann Young

9 mo 23 d 1847

New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9 mo 23 d 1847

By the request of the [illegible] Committee appointed at Second month 1847 to visit [illegible] who on their names being called were present

The Friend named to visit Hannah Russell on account of her disownment reports that he has been visited

10 mo 28th 1847

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held the 10 mo 28th 1847

The committee appointed at the preparative meeting the representatives thereto named are Mehetable Eddy and Rebecca Kelley who on their names being called are present

The committee appointed 8 mo last in the case of Tabitha and Lydia Russell reported the following report at this time viz

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

The committee in the case of Tabitha Russell and Lydia Russell report we have had an interview with them in regard to the subject of the complaint brought against them they did not appear to be disposed to make Friends any satisfaction and gave us a message of which this our meeting is informed we believe further labor from us in their cases will not be useful

Which we submit to the monthly meeting

New Bedford 10 mo 28th 1847 Lydia Howard
Elizabeth W Eddy

Which was considered by the meeting is united with and they accordingly denied the right of membership to them

The committee appointed in this case of Sarah Russell report as follows viz

To New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends

According to appointment we have had an opportunity with Sarah Russell on account of the complaint brought against her she received us with civility but said she knew of no unsoundness in society of doctrine in which she is charged and refused any information on the subject and did not receive us as a committee from New Bedford Monthly Meeting and we are united in believing that further labor would be useless which we submit to the monthly meeting

Mehetable Eddy
New Bedford 9th mo 24th 1847 Judith Swift

which is accepted by this meeting and in accordance therewith a minute of denial is made against her as having the unity of

things and she is requested to report to this meeting next month

[illegible]

The following information from the Overseers against Rebecca Rodman is received at this time through the preparative meeting

[illegible]

Rebecca Rodman having for some time past neglected the attendance of our religious [illegible] and manifested an unwillingness to [illegible] with us in our religious Society and appears to justify herself in this conduct she is pursuing said as being peace therein believing that further [illegible] and nothing we submit it for the consideration of the meeting

[illegible]

New Bedford 10 mo 21st 1847 Mary Ann Tucker and Mary H Wade and Mary Ann Taber appointed a committee to visit her and report to this meeting

Elizabeth H Eddy Clk

11 mo 15th 1847

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held [illegible] and the representatives thereto named Susan Taber and Anna Hussey who on their names being called are present

The following information is received from the Overseers against Deborah Tucker [illegible] at this time viz. [illegible] and at a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held [illegible] Deborah having [illegible] with the Society in some [illegible] walking [illegible] and [illegible] the attendance of Friends we have had an interview with her on the account, she appeared [illegible] and [illegible] and informs that she should not attend our meetings [illegible]

neglect in the attendance of our meetings and attending
to convince her of her deviations from the doctrines of
her case to this meeting for consideration

On behalf of the Overseers

committee to labour with her on the account and in the
ability received endeavor to convince her of
produce the following report at this time viz

To the Second Month Monthly Meeting
The treated us kindly, but expressed her satisfy
Mercy to Me

which upon its being considered is accepted by the meeting
and she accordingly denied the right of membership
upon her being called upon to this meeting next month

The friends appointed to inform Hannah and Sydnia Russell

[illegible]

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth
[illegible] appointed [illegible]
[illegible] by the representatives who are [illegible]
and Elizabeth Eddy all of this city appointed
to that service and they are requested to report next
month

12mo-24th
1847

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 12mo 24th 1847

In the accounts from the preparative meeting Mo
representatives therein named as Mary H Mosher and
Mary A [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] thereto

To a New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends
[illegible] that we have had an interview with Sarah
[illegible] on account of her neglect in the attendance of
[illegible] both for worship and discipline and allowing
[illegible] since her departure from the doctrines of Friends
[illegible]

[illegible]

At a New Bedford 12mo 24th 1847

on which account Lydia S Barnard and [illegible]
are appointed a committee to visit her and in the ab[illegible]
[illegible] as appears to require

The committee appointed in the case of Ruth [illegible]
Esther [illegible] the following report
[illegible]
[illegible] appointed to visit Ruth [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
we submitted it to the meeting

Lydia J Barnard)
[illegible] 92 [illegible] 1st & 4th Days)

which has been considered and accepted by this meeting
and she is accordingly united the right of membership
[illegible]
is named to inform her thereof and she is requested
to report to this meeting next month

And also the committee appointed in the case of Deborah B
Tallman make the following report at this time

To the Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
According to appointment we have had an interview with
Deborah Tallman on account of the complaint against her
[illegible]
with the course she is pursuing and we are united in
[illegible]
[illegible]

Lydia J Barnard)
Ohio Bedford 12mo 19th 1847 Hannah R [illegible])

Said report being read & accepted by the meeting
the right of membership is continued with Friends
and Lydia J Barnard is named to inform her thereof
and is requested to report next month.

We unite with our Friends in the disownment of
Ruth Hannah and Esther Ball

Joseph Cope was to inform Hannah Jones of our
decision and report. She has been informed

At New Garland Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 2d 1845

The account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named for Hannah P. Lloyd Lydia J. Barnard who on their names being called appeared

The following information is received from the [illegible] Monthly Meeting held [illegible]

To [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

We have [illegible] your meetings and united with Friends from [illegible] in holding up a separate meeting. We have visited [illegible] with satisfaction to [illegible] meetings [illegible] Clear Creek [illegible] Deep River [illegible] separation from Friends and they are disposed to [illegible] with

[illegible] the following minute [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible]

At the Original Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held Second Month for some time past included the attendance of the meetings [illegible] which thereof we have been informed in the abilities appointed to convene by the [illegible]

the appointed committee in the Island she had taken and we see nothing at present to extend further labor which we submit for the consideration of the meeting

Nantucket 12 mo 29th 1847 } Signed on behalf
Thos Macy }

on which account Elizabeth H Eddy and Thos Macy a committee to visit her and in the ability opened extend such labor for her restoration to unity as the case may appear to require and they are requested to report to this meeting next month

The committee appointed last month in the case of [illegible] report the following minute

At the last monthly meeting of Women Friends

[illegible] appointed to have visited Sarah Eastland and [illegible] with her on the subject of the complaint against her. The appointment of attending our meetings in future [illegible] to the meeting

New Bedford 12 mo 30th 1847 } Lydia S Howland }
Mercy H Hussey }

which report being read this meeting is accepted and she hereby remains in membership we having the unity of our meeting and Elizabeth H Eddy is named to maintain her [illegible] and report next month

We unite with our Friends in this concern

Signed on behalf
William Eastland

H. Pierce named to report Deborah Sullivan reports she has attended to her appointment

Hannah H Pierce named for the same purpose in the case of Ruth S Baker reports she has been informed

2 - 24 Mo at Fair Bedford monthly meeting of Women
1843 Friends held 2nd 27th 1843

In the account from the preparative meeting [illegible]
Salem there should be [illegible] and Mahala
Estes who report their names being added [illegible]
thereto

The committee appointed in the case of Elizabeth
Lovejoy produce the following report at this time viz.
At Fair Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
Assembled to appointment we have had in [illegible]
Lovejoy and are prepared to report [illegible]
satisfaction and that she [illegible]
to the Monthly Meeting Jordan Thorpe
Mary Ann Jones

This report read 2nd mo 28th 1843
which after being considered and amended is accepted by this
meeting and she accordingly denied the privilege of
[illegible] is united to report to this meeting and report to the next
next month

And also the committee in the case of
Hannah Forrest report as follows viz,
At Fair Bedford Monthly Meeting [illegible]
We your committee in the case of Hannah Forrest report
that we have visited had an interview with her on account of
[illegible] said brought against her and in the [illegible]
[illegible] to convince her of her departures were to return
[illegible] The answer we received was [illegible]
satisfied with the course she had been and was still pursuing
[illegible] and we request [illegible]
request [illegible] we meet at the usual time of the next meeting

Thomas Hoag
Hannah Hoag

[illegible] 2 - 28th 1843
[illegible] this meeting is united [illegible]
[illegible] Hannah Forrest is [illegible]
[illegible] Monthly Meeting and [illegible]
[illegible] and that Esther Estes is united to report
[illegible] and next month

The friends appointed to inform Sarah Russell of the removal of charges made against her report that she has been informed

23 3mo 1848 At our New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 23 3mo 1848

on the account from the preparative meeting held the present Sabbath there named Elizabeth H Eddy and Rhoda Kelley the report then named being called upon to

We Queries read & answers thereto have been considered and approved in this meeting and we desire to be informed by the next on a record signed by the clerk to the Quarterly meeting ensuing by our representatives who are Emma Hussey and Rhoda Kelley and they are invited to report next month

The following information from the overseers against Grace Davis is received at this time through the preparative meeting viz

To New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends

Grace Davis having united with the Seceding from Friends in setting up a separate meeting and wholly neglected the attendance of Friends meetings to have had an interview with her on the account. We appointed to satisfaction in her present course and believing that further labor from us would be useless we submit the case to the consideration of the meeting

On behalf of the Overseers. (Mehetable Eddy
(Emma Hussey

New Bedford 3 mo 11 th 1848

on which account Elizabeth H Eddy & Rhoda K Kelley are appointed a committee to visit and in the ability received labor with her for her restoration to society and report to this meeting next month

And also the following complaint is received against Mary D Tuber

To New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends

I hereby Tuber having for some time past neglected the attendance

for your consideration.

On behalf of the Overseers { Mehetable Eddy
Anna Tenney

New Bedford 3d mo 4th 1848

which case is placed under the care of the same committee and they are requested to make report next month

The friend named to inform Hephsibeth Haviland of her disownment from our society reports she has attended to the appointment

Also the friend named for the same purpose in the case of Hannah Leonard reports she has been informed

We unite with our Friends in disownment of Joseph Tabor

4 mo 2 1848

At a New Bedford Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4 mo 2d 1848

The committee appointed at the last meeting to visit Hephsibeth Haviland who upon their report being called for were directed to

a complaint from the overseers against her for marrying is read and it is united with by the meeting and directed to be forwarded to the next Monthly Meeting at this place

It is as follows viz

At a New Bedford Preparative Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 2d 1848

It has been represented to us by the overseers of this meeting that Hephsibeth Haviland a member of our religious society has accomplished her marriage with one not in membership with us contrary to the rules of our religious discipline and that she has been treated with in order to convince her of the impropriety of her conduct but without success

We therefore appoint Mehetable Eddy and Anna Tenney to visit her and report to our next meeting

without the desired effect we submit the case for the consideration of the meeting

Mary Ann Taber
Anna Hussey

On behalf of the Overseers
New Bedford 4 mo 18th 1848

on which account Lydia T Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy were appointed a committee to visit her and in the Society spirit endeavor to convince her of her deviations from rectitude

And also the following information received by the Committee appointed viz

To the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

Dear Friends We having entirely neglected the late dance in our meeting and united ourself with the opinions from Friends we have had an interview with her on the account and endeavored to convince her of her error, but she did not seem to be in a disposition of mind to give Friends any satisfaction and is willing to submit to the meeting for consideration

Mary Ann Taber
Anna Hussey

On behalf of the Overseers

New Bedford 4 mo 18th 1848

which case is referred to the care of the same committee and they are requested to report the next month

The committee appointed last month in the case of Grace Tucker produce the following report at this time viz,

To New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends

We your committee in the case of Grace Tucker Report we have had an interview with her on account of the complaint against her. She did not appear disposed to have much conversation upon the subject, but said she did not expect to attend our meetings and Friends must do with her as they saw fit. We are united in believing that further labor from us will not be useful. Which we submit to the consideration of the meeting. Rhoda Kelly

Elizabeth H Eddy

New Bedford 4 mo 18th 1848

which after being duly considered is accepted by the meeting and she accordingly directed the Clerk of number this we informing the minds of men Friends thereon and Susan Taber is required to inform her thereof and report to this meeting

And also the committee appointed in the case of Obed Taber make the following report viz.

To the Bedford monthly meeting of [illegible]

[illegible] appointed to visit Obed Taber and she evinced no disposition to make [illegible] which we submit to the monthly meeting

[illegible]

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report their attendance

Valentine Meader requesting a removal certificate for himself and family to Pennsylvania monthly meeting appointed Lydia J Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy a committee to act in conjunction with men Friends in preparing one and presenting to our next monthly meeting

(Elizabeth H Eddy)

5mo 25th 1848 At New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 5th mo 25th and 6th mo 1st 1848

[illegible] Lydia J Barnard who are both present

[illegible] Shearman is received through the preparation meeting at this time which is as follows Viz.

[illegible]

and gave us no encouragement of attending our meetings Bearing any further care upon us in her case will not be useful we submit it to the meeting.

On behalf of the Overseers (Mary Ann Tobey
New Bedford 4th mo 5th 1848 (Anna Hussey

a Visiting account Mehitable Eddy and Judith Thorpe are appointed a committee to visit her and in the liberty Abraded to report to our next meeting

And also the following complaint is received in like manner against Ann H. Dunbar

Ann H Dunbar having for a long time neglected the attendance of our meetings and attended those of a separate body we have had an interview with her on the account without the desired effect, which we submit to the consideration of the meeting

(Mehitable Eddy
New Bedford 5th mo 18th 1848 (Anna Tobey

on which account we appoint as a committee Judith Thorpe and Phebe Ann Thurston to visit her and labour with her case as truth may open the way for

The committee appointed last month in the case of Ann H. Dunbar report that they have had a sitting at this time viz.

at New Bedford 5th month 22nd and 23rd days of the week and that Ann H. Dunbar not being willing to acknowledge to the satisfaction of the committee the impropriety of the conduct complained against her, the committee think the course she has taken and gave us no encouragement of attending our meetings in future Believing further labour from us in the case will not be useful we submit it to the meeting

New Bedford 5th mo 24th 1848 (Judith Thorpe (Committee
(Mehitable Eddy

which after weighty consideration is accepted by the meeting and the accordingly discard the said Ann from membership we having the unity of this meeting and Anna Hussey is named to inquire her mind and report to this meeting next month

[illegible] resulted here on the subject of the complaint brought against her. She expressed herself satisfied with the course [illegible] ing we send it the case to the meeting [illegible]

[illegible] Valentine Meader and family have produced at this time. which is accepted by the meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on its behalf in connexion with the clerk of the men's meeting.

[illegible]

The committee appointed in the case of Deborah Sherman informs they are not prepared to report at this time

And also the committee appointed in the case of [illegible] Dunbar informs they are not prepared to report at the present time

The friend named to inform Rhoda Haviland Jr of her appointment reports through another individual that she has been informed

And also that Gertrudina Haviland has given up of the decision of this meeting in her case

The friend appointed in fourth month last to [illegible] Davis and Mary D Jaber of their disownment reports [illegible] attended to her appointment

We unite with [illegible] in the disownment of Edmond Gardner

The Queries with answers to the usual three have been [illegible] and approved and are directed to be forwarded to an [illegible] and Lydia J Barnard whom this meeting appoints [illegible] and they are requested to make report to this meeting [illegible] month

1 mo 27th 1848

[illegible] held seventh month twenty seventh 1848

[illegible] the account from the preparative meeting [illegible] therein named are [illegible] upon this query is called answered thus

The time having expired for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed Elizabeth R Elder is appointed to that service for the ensuing [illegible] another appointment

The time having expired for which the [illegible] meeting was appointed and the subject having claimed to

[illegible] and Elizabeth H Eddy are appointed as Overseers
the year [illegible]

[illegible] notice of Friends for the ensuing or until another
[illegible]

The committee appointed in 5th month last in the case
of Wm H Dunbar produce the following report [illegible]

[illegible]

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Wm H Dunbar on the
subject of the complaint brought against him and enquired
no disposition to make friends satisfaction and gave us no
encouragement of attending our meetings [illegible] further labour from us will [illegible]
[illegible] to the meeting

New Bedford 7th mo 26th 1848

Signed [illegible]

which [illegible] and the accordingly directed the
[illegible] Elizabeth H Eddy is nominated to oversee the meeting [illegible]
to this meeting next month

The [illegible] attended [illegible] was given

This [illegible] of Seth K Crain

The following extracts from our last Yearly Meetings minutes have been read at this time for information and encouragement and is directed to be recorded

Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island, by adjournment, from the eleventh day of the 5th month to the 15th of the same inclusive 1747

Second day of the week and 12th of month.

The State of Society being introduced by the reading of the queries with the answers thereto received from the several Monthly Meetings, much satisfaction appeared in being informed concerning the love felt and expressed that Friends in general may be more and more engaged for the maintenance of all our precious testimonies. The deficiencies reported in some of the answers with regard to the support of these, have been feelingly attended to and Friends were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the performance of these duties which are of very essential service to the welfare of the Church, and recommend[illegible]

[illegible] and we come to have Him supremely – we shall be favoured [illegible] but – If we love me, keep my commandments, ye shall ye abide in my love even as I have kept my Father's commandments; and shall in this love."

Love is the badge of true discipleship; it said our Blessed redeemer, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one unto another" and if we, through the prevalence of our Heavenly Father's love, are brought to a dedication to the service of our Redeemer, and to walk in the light as He is in the light we shall be preserved a living people and in our communion through adorable mercy with the Father and with the Son we shall have true fellowship one with another and be favoured to experience the truth of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We would [illegible] to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, and to wait for His unerring direction who hath

mercifully promised I will guide thee with mine eye" the Lord

[illegible] and we should experience a growth and stability

in the Truth proportioned to [illegible] the

[illegible] mercies of David".—

[illegible] and circumstances which Friends in divers places are

[illegible] in [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible]

meetings, to meet according to the present arrangement for

[illegible] circumstances stated, it shall

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to furnish the Quarterly

[illegible] with a copy of the minutes

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting

held by Martha S Gould Clerk

Elizabeth K Eddy Clerk

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At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held

8 mo 24th 1848

In the account from the preparative meeting

the representatives therein named are [illegible]

S Gifford who upon their names being called [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

which upon being considered is accepted - and she is accordingly denied the right of membership, and [illegible] and Rhoda Kelly is appointed to [illegible] her case of, and is requested to report to this meeting next month

Our beloved friend Nathan Page is [illegible] no advance to this time worth a copy of a minute from Salem monthly meeting expressive of unity in his present proceeds. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to [illegible] and the clerk is directed to give a certificate of approval of the same in conjunction with the clerk of this meeting

[illegible] appointment [illegible] dged by minute of last quarterly we now appoint Mehetable Eddy and Judith Dorfit to that station for the ensuing year or until anoth appointment

The friends [illegible] monthly meeting Hannah H Dunbar of her disownment reports that circumstances have been such that she has not attended to the appointment - She is therefore continued for the same service and requested [illegible] three months

We unite with our Friends in the disownment of
Joseph S Tillinghast. Lydia J Barnard Clerk pro tem

9th mo 28
1848

The clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day. By the accounts received from the preparative meetings the representatives are Susan Wilbur and Lydia J Barnard who are present

The following complaint having been received against Rhoda Kelly we appoint Rhoda Kelly and Lydia J Barnard a committee to labour with her in this ability appointed and report to this meeting next month

separated from us which was attended

Mordecai Coale
New Bedford 8 mo 25th 1848 Judith Swift Overseers

The meeting unites with men Friends in the acceptance of

Rhoda Kelley informs she has attended

her appointment in the case of Deborah Sharman

The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth

attendance next month. Lydia T. Barnard, clerk for the day

In the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Hannah D Tuppard and Rhoda Kelley who are present

The committee on the case of Rhoda Tuppard produce the following report

[illegible] unpleasable to [illegible] the non attendance of our religious meetings, she received us kindly but expressed her decided preference in attending those of the Seperatists. Believing further labour from us will not be useful we submit the case to the meeting

Lydia J Barnard
[illegible]

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[illegible] and we being [illegible] case is [illegible] the meeting [illegible] to consider the right of membership, we having the unity of our friends therein and Mehetable Eddy is appointed to inform her thereof, and report to this meeting next month

Rhoda Kelley reports she has informed Wm. H Dunbar of her disownment

A complaint having been forwarded presented this meeting against Anna W Allyne late Eddy for non attendance of our meetings and marrying out of the order of society Rhoda Kelley and Lydia J Barnard are appointed a committee to labour with her in the ability afforded to restore her to society, and are requested to report to this meeting next month

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Anna W Allyne on the subject of the complaint brought against her. She did not confess the charge she was preferring to wish to be retained a member of society. Believing further labour from us in the case will not be useful we submit it to the monthly meeting

Rhoda P. Kelley
New Bedford 11th mo 22d 1848 Lydia J Barnard } Com

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The committee in the case of Mary C Bates produced the following report

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held the 22nd of 11th month 1848 The committee appointed to visit Mary C Bates report, that we have had an interview with her on the subject of the complaint against her, she did not manifest a disposition to make friends satisfaction for her deviations. Believing further labour from us will not be useful we submit the case to the meeting

New Bedford 11 mo 22nd 1848 Rhoda Kelly
Lydia J Cornell

which report is accepted by this meeting having the concurrence of men friends Thomas and Judith Swift appointed to inform her of the decision of this meeting and report to this meeting next month

The committee in the case of Anna W Hillman also made the following report viz

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held the 22nd of 11th month 1848 The committee appointed to visit Anna W Hillman on the subject of the complaint brought against her She did not condemn the course she was pursuing as with her minute in hand is ready. Believing further labour from us in the case will not be useful we submit the case to the meeting

New Bedford 11 mo 22nd 1848 Rhoda Kelly
Lydia J Cornell

which report being united with by the meeting She is accordingly deprived the right of membership and Judith Swift is deputed to inform her thereof having the unity of men friends

The committee appointed to inform Rhoda Kelly and of her disownment reports she attended thereto

We unite with men friends in depriving the right of membership to Elisha Thornton Lydia J Cornell clerk for the day

[illegible]

By account from the Representatives named as [illegible] Lydia Barnard who is present

Case of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] case of Anna W [illegible]

A complaint having been presented this meeting on account of [illegible] the Meeting of the public Ministers [illegible] appointed to committee to visit and [illegible] with her in the spirit of love and [illegible]

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[illegible] of those who have seceded from us. She closed the [illegible]

[illegible]

By account from the representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting Sarah Tillson and Elizabeth Cooper their names being called are present

The committee appointed in the case of Rachel Rowland produce the following report viz

To New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends Unable to appointment we have visited Rachel Rowland on the subject of complaint brought against her. We inform that from personal convictions she was prompted to attending meetings and was personally satisfied with the course she was pursuing believing further labour from us will not be required

Case to the meeting

New Bedford 1st mo 24th 1849 on behalf Ann Tabor

Committee Lydia J Barnard

Which appointment was duly considered & accepted at the meeting and Ann Tabor & Lydia J Barnard appointed to visit the right of membership having the unity of our friends thereon & report

[illegible]

2nd mo 22d

1849 At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo 22d 1849

It appeared from the preparative meeting the representatives thereto named are Thomas Wilbur and Lydia J Barnard who upon their names being called are present

The friend named to inform Rachel Rowland of the decision of this meeting in her case informs she has attended to his appointment

Ann Ray having removed to live within the limits of Purchase Monthly Meeting requests our certificate

We appoint Lydia J Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy a committee to prepare one and present to this meeting next month

2d mo 22d 1849

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 2d mo 22d 1849

It appeared from the preparative meeting the representatives thereto named are Rhoda Kelley

and Phebe [illegible] upon this meeting being held
and thereto

The committee appointed to prepare a certificate
[illegible] present [illegible] to the present
[illegible] [illegible] a report to the
[illegible] having the unity of [illegible] Friends therein

[illegible] Friends with answers thereto have been and are appointed
[illegible] are [illegible] and [illegible] is now
Quarterly Meeting by Mehetable Eddy and Hannah Sisson
[illegible] meeting appointed [illegible] and they are upon
[illegible] to report to this meeting [illegible]

4 mo 25th
1849

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held
4 mo 25th 1849

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Mehetable Eddy and Hannah P Sisson [illegible] upon their names being called [illegible]

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting [illegible] attended said meeting

5 mo 24th
1849

At New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5 mo 24th 1849

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Susan Wilbur and Elizabeth S Eddy who upon their names being called were present

[illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

6 mo 28th
1849

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 6 mo 28th 1849

By the [illegible] [illegible]
the account from the [illegible] held [illegible]
[illegible] Friends [illegible] were present

We have received at this time a complaint in the Province against Susan Gardner (wife of Edmond) which is as follows

To New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends

Susan Gardner (wife of Edmond) having in a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings both for worship and discipline and allowed those who have appeared to us to have had an opportunity with her and that reward, she expressed her entire satisfaction with the same she is persuing which we submit to the mo" meeting

New Bedford 5 mo 25 th 1849 — Judith Sowle, Mehitable Allen — Overseers

on which account we appoint Lydia T Barnard and Mary Rodman to visit her and bestow such labour as way may open for and they are requested to make report next month

Dear Beloved friend Joseph Tuft is in attendance with us at this time with a certificate from Hector Mo meeting expressive of their unity with him in his gospel prospects his company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us

The Queries with answers to the first second and third have been read and considered in this meeting and ordered to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our representatives Mehitable Allen and Mary Rodman this meeting appoints to that service and the same is to appear next month

This meeting unites with the mens in the disownment of Allen Kelly

7 mo 25 th 1849

At a New Bedford Mo Meeting of Women Friends held 7 mo 25 th 1849 The Clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia T Barnard was appointed to act in her stead. The minutes from the preparative meeting the representatives Mehitable Allen and Rhoda Kelly and Lydia T Barnard who are present

The committee in case of Susan Gardner produce the following report. To New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends Agreeable to appointment we have visited Susan Gardner on account of the complaint brought against her She treated us kindly but was decided in

(Elizabeth H Eddy) Clerk.

The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report that they attended

[illegible] account of misspellation

[illegible] appointed Elizabeth H Eddy [illegible] for one year or until another appointment

[illegible] appointed [illegible] appointed Lydia H Cranson and Elizabeth Hoag as [illegible] to attend the Quarterly meeting

Susan Wilbur and Elizabeth H Eddy are named as a committee to have the care of such Records as may come into the hands of Friends

We have received the following report from the Overseers appointed Lydia Cranston [illegible]

To the Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends

We will inform the meeting that we have visited Lydia Cranston [illegible] Friend) on account of her neglecting to attend [illegible] meetings for worship and discipline and attending those meetings of those who have withdrawn from us, she expresses her satisfaction with the way she was [illegible] but she did not [illegible] [illegible] the peace of Friends [illegible] to the meeting [illegible]

on which account we appoint Lydia J Barnard and Elizabeth H Eddy a committee to visit her and endeavor with her as they may open for her report next month

and also the following complaint against Lucas Tucker wife of Charles Smith case we commit to the care of the same committee.

Lydia J Barnard reports she has visited Susanna Tucker at her dwellingment

9mo 27th 1849

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 9mo 27th 1849

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Susan Wilbur and Lydia J Barnard both of whom are present

The appointment of Overseers having been deferred by reason of last [illegible] now appointed Elizabeth Eddy [illegible]

[illegible]

The committee appointed last month in the case of Lucas Tucker report the following case at this time viz

To New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends

[illegible] appointed [illegible] Lucas Tucker on account of the complaint brought against her was accepted since she was [illegible] to do so on account of attending our meetings in future the remaining Committee have not been engaged as instructed the case to be continued to the meeting

Lydia J Barnard
New Bedford 9mo 27th 1849 Elizabeth H Eddy

which after being duly considered is accepted by the meeting and the clerk is directed to give a certificate to the monthly meeting of Friends held and Mary Ann Taber is [illegible] to inform her [illegible]

[illegible] appointed to visit [illegible] and to report at this meeting [illegible] Judith Smith and Lydia Ann Taber whom the meeting appoints [illegible] to report next month

Smith Wilbur Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

that so we may be favoured to experience an individual growth and establishment in the Truth, requisite a right qualification to promote the cause of Righteousness in the Earth.

We have been pointedly reminded that it was the ancient Truth itself for which our worthy predecessors patiently endured long and cruel suffering: and that the Principles and Testimonies which we profess, and are especially called upon to bear, have been transmitted into us, through them, in all their fullness and purity. — But it is only as we are led by the same unerring Spirit and Strengthened by that Divine power which sustained them under all their trials, and gave them the victory, that we can be enabled to maintain the same principles with undeviating steadiness, and in unsullied purity: and as we are lively engaged to follow them as they followed Christ, although we may be tried as in the furnace of affliction yet not humble dependant children in the present day who abide in the patience and meekness of Christ will experience the fulfilment of the gracious promise "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" and as continuing steadfast in that faith in which with the Apostle and all the Saints in light, they will be brought forth as gold that has been tried in the fire.

Finally, those whose eyes have been measurably opened to see the deceiving subtilty of sin but who through submission to the Light within daily have been gently subjected to the operation of that Power which cleanseth from its defilement and crucifieth the corrupt propensities and fallen nature of the heart of man, have been encouraged to take this yoke upon them and learn of Him who was meek and low of heart, that so they may find rest to their souls. — As this is our continued engagement, we shall be kindly cautioned one toward another according to the Apostolic injunction — in honour preferring one another and so fulfil the law of Christ; instead of indulging in feelings at variance with that law, and allowing ourselves to speak slightly one of another we should witness the blessed effects of it, in walking as free from the law of sin and death and redeeming righteousness and purity of heart — then indeed shall we know the sanctifying holiness and joy in the Lord — a people zealous of good works, and show forth the praises of

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held
11mo 22d 1849

[illegible] Mary Ann Tabor informs she has attended to her appointment in the case of Isaac Tucker

[illegible] Lydia Howland [illegible]

[illegible] have been read with answers to the [illegible] queries and are thought to be correctly answered at present state of this meeting so far as they extend. Ordered to be forwarded to the next [illegible] by Lydia Smith Sarah Smith and Rhoda Kelly. This meeting appoint as representatives and they are requested to attend the next meeting next month

12mo 21st 1849

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 21st of 12mo 1849

[illegible] from the representatives meeting the representatives in Sarah T. Rodman and Lydia S. Howland who upon their name being called were present

We have received at this time a removal certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting in behalf of Susan H. Smith (minor of Joseph) which has been read and signed in this and the men meeting

[illegible]

1st mo 24th 1850 At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 24th 1850

In the account from the preparative meeting the report came there named viz Susan Wilbur and Hannah B Gifford both of whom are present

The following complaint is received at this time against Ruth Davis widow of Obediah, Jr 2

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends Ruth Davis having for a long time neglected the attendance of our meetings both for worship and discipline and attended the meetings of those who have seceded from us we have visited her on the account; she expressed her entire satisfaction with the course she was pursuing and that she wished for no information respecting the difficulties in society which we submit to the Monthly Meeting

On behalf the Overseers Mehetable Eddy
New Bedford 12mo 28th 1849 Judith Swift

On which account we appoint Susan B Smith and Mehetable Eddy a committee to visit her and bestow such labour as way may open for and they are requested to report next month

And also the following through the same meeting against Abagail Davis (wife of Abraham)

To New Bedford Mo Meeting of Women Friends Abagail Davis having for a long time entirely neglected the attendance of our meetings and attended the meetings of those who have seceded from us, we have visited her on the account and she said she was entirely satisfied with the course she is pursuing and that she thought it would not be right for her to attend our meetings, which we submit to the monthly meeting. Mehetable Eddy)
New Bedford 12mo 28th 1849 Judith Swift) Overseers

which case we place under the care of the same committee

We have received the following [illegible] from the Preparative
at this City against Elizabeth Sharpless.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends

Elizabeth Sharpless having neglected the attendance of our
[illegible] for a long time and attended the meetings of those who
have departed from us, we have had an opportunity with her on the
account. She said she knew very little of the objections in society
and did not wish to, she went with the people called Friends and
had always been a member and desires to be restored to that
body which we acknowledge to be the monthly meeting of Friends held
at [illegible]
on which account we appointed Susan D. Smith and
Mehetable Eddy a committee to visit her and bestow such
labour as the case may appear to require

Nine also the following against Hannah Sharpless wife of
Clothier

To New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends
Hannah Sharpless having for a long time neglected the attendance of
Meetings for Worship and attended the meetings of those who have
departed from us we have had an opportunity with her on the account.
She said she was satisfied with her present course and believed
that we were out of the right path. Which we inform to the monthly
meeting. Mehetable Eddy New Bedford 12 mo 28th

[illegible]
which case we were to be clear of the same [illegible]

This meeting unites with the mens in the disownment of
Thomas Wood and Edward Wood

[illegible]
New Bedford monthly meeting of Friends
3 mo 28th 1810

By the account from the Preparative
[illegible]

[illegible]
meeting being absent Susan D. Smith is appointed to that
service for the day.

One of the committee appointed to visit Ruth Davis Abagail Davis and others report they have not been able to attend to their appointment.

This meeting unites with men Friends in the disownment of Jab A J Eddy

3mo 28th

At a New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 3mo 28th 1850

The clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives named are Rhoda Kelly and Lydia J Barnard who are present

The Queries with answers thereto have been read in this meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our friends Mary Ann Taber and Susan Smith who in this meeting appoint as representatives and they are appointed to report their attendance next month

One of the committee in the case of Ruth Davis and others, reports they have not yet been able to attend to their appointment.

4mo 25th 1850 At a New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 4mo 25th 1850

The clerk of the meeting being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.

By the account from the preparative meeting the representatives named are Rebekah C. Eddy and Mary Ann Taber who are present

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

One of the committee in the case of Ruth Davis and others report they had not attended to their appointment on account of indisposition in one of their families

5mo 23d 1856 Nyc Before monthly meeting of women Friends held 5mo 23d 1856 ..

The clerk of this meeting still being absent Sarah J Parsons is appointed to act as clerk in his stead — The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & found correct — Rhoda Eddy one of whom is absent

The Overseers have visited the families belonging to this meeting & report as follows viz

We the Overseers appointed at our last monthly meeting to visit the families belonging to this meeting have attended to the service assigned us & have visited the families of all our members & attenders except Rhoda Eddy & Ruth Davis, and that we some months past had an opportunity to see Ruth on that account. Since which one of our number has been to see her and she declines having any further opportunity with him. All of which we submit to the monthly meeting

Signed on behalf of the committee

New England 5mo 23d 1856 On which account an opportunity was granted to Ruth Davis & Sarah Smith to visit her and bestow such labour for her restoration as they may find necessary & report next month

Ruth Davis and the committee appointed with her

We have had an interview with Ruth Davis according to our appointment and are fully united in judgment that she be disowned, which we leave with the meeting. Rhoda Eddy

The report being considered by the meeting she is accordingly disowned the right of membership we having the unity of our friends therein and

Signed on behalf of the meeting

To the Report of the Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held in New Bedford the 23rd of 5th month 1850

The committee in the case of Hannah [illegible] report that we have had an interview with her. She appears to be fully satisfied in the course she is pursuing and we believe further labor from us will not be necessary, which we submit to the meeting. Mehetable Edds
New Bedford 5th mo 23d 1850 Susan H Smith

which is accepted by the meeting and a minute [illegible] her, we having the unity of our Friends therein and Mary Ann Taber is appointed to inform her of the same.

The committee also report in the case of Hannah [illegible]
To the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends.
We your committee in the case of Hannah [illegible] report that we have had an interview with her. She was visited in the course she is pursuing and we think further labor from us will be useless, which we submit for the [illegible] Mehetable Edds
New Bedford 5th mo 23d 1850 Susan H Smith

which is united with by the meeting and we accordingly discharged, we having the concurrence of our Friends, and Mary Ann Taber is appointed to inform her of the judgment of this meeting and she is [illegible] to report [illegible] next month.

At the Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends held 26th of 6th mo 1850.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Mary Ann Taber is appointed to that service for the day.

By the accounts from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives named are Susan H Smith and Susan Wilbur who are both present.

The answers to the three queries usually considered at this time have been read, which with an account to the Quarterly meeting are directed to be forwarded by our friends, Mchetable Eddy and Susan H Smith, whom this meeting appoints representatives; and they are requested to report at this meeting next month.

The friend proposed to inform Ruth Davis and others of the decision of this meeting last month reported at this time that she had not yet been able to attend to her appointment.

One of the committee named last month to visit Sarah Howland made a similar report.

The representative whose non attendance was noticed last month, informed the meeting at this time, that she was prevented by indisposition from attending

At a New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends held 25 of 7th month 1854.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Mary Ann Taber is appointed for the day.

By the accounts from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives to this meeting are Rhoda Kelley and Mary Ann Taber who are both present.

One of the Friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported she was prevented by indisposition.

One of the committe to visit Sarah Cleveland reported at this time that they have been prevented from attending to that service by the indisposition of one of the Friends under appointment

Mary Ann Taber informed the meeting that no way has yet opened to inform Ruth Davis and others of the decision of this meeting in their cases.

We are informed that men Friends have come to the conclusion to make a minute of disownment against Henry J Wood, with which this meeting unites.

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends held 22nd of 8th mo 1850.

The clerk of this meeting being again absent Mary Ann Taber is appointed to serve the meeting for the day.

By the account received from the Preparative Meeting it appears that Abelable Eddy and Hannah B Gifford were appointed representatives to this meeting who are both present.

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to visit Sarah Howland (wife of Thomas) for non attendance of our meetings produced the following report at this time viz.

To New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends. Agreable to appointment we have had an interview with Sarah Howland (wife of Thomas) on the subject of her complaint, she expressed herself satisfied with the course she had pursued. Believing further labour from us would not be useful, we submit the case to the monthly meeting.

Susan H Smith } Committee
Mary Ann Taber

New Bedford 8th mo 18th 1850

which being satisfactory to the meeting is accepted and she is accordingly acquitted the right of membership having the concurrence of our Friends therein and Susan H Smith is appointed to inform her thereof and report to our next Monthly meeting.

The Friend appointed at the same time to inform Ruth Davis, Abagail Davis, Hannah Tripp, and Elizabeth Swift of the decision of this meeting in their case reported she has attended to her appointment.

The time having expired for which for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed and he not being present it is concluded to refer the appointment to a future meeting.

The time having likewise expired for which the overseers of the Poor were appointed on account of some Friends being absent it is thought best to defer the that appointment also.

A committee who were appointed at the same time to have the care of such funerals as might come under the notice of Friends is referred to the consideration of a future meeting.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 9th month 26th 1850. — By the accounts from the Preparation meeting, the representatives are Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Gaber who are present.

The Clerk of this meeting still being absent Lydia G. Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.

The subject of the appointment of Clerk having again come before this meeting it is concluded to defer the appointment to a future meeting.

The time also has expired for which the Overseers of the poor were appointed, Susan H Smith and Hannah P. Clifford are named for the service for the year ensuing or until another appointment

The time also for a committee to attend such funerals as may come under the notice of friends and Mary Ann Gaber and Lydia G. Barnard to the service for the year or until another appointment.

The time having expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were chosen it is concluded to defer the appointment another month.

The Queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th have been read in this meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Gaber whom this meeting appoints as representatives and they are requested to attend their attendance next month.

To the Quarterly Meeting of women Friends next to be held at Nantucket for Dartmouth.

Dear Friends,

By our Friends Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Tabor whom this meeting appointed as representatives we learned with satisfaction of your continued, which we think deserve the favorable notice of your meeting so far as they extend, love unto you Friends,

Signed by direction of New Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends held 9th month 26th 1861.

Lydia F. Barnard clerk for the day

This meeting unites with our women Friends in the disownment of William R. Tabor.

The Friend named to inform Sarah Howland of her disownment, reports, it had not been convenient for her to attend to her appointment.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 10th Month 24th 1861. The clerk of this meeting being again absent, Mary Ann Tabor is appointed to that service for the day.

By accounts received from the Preparative meeting it appears that Susan H. Smith and Lydia F. Barnard are representatives to this meeting, who are both present.

The time having expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed, the same Friends were proposed and being united with they are accordingly appointed that service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

The appointment of Clerk being again brought before us for consideration, it is concluded Mary Ann Tabor be that service for one year or until another appointment.

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 28th of 11th month 1850.

By the accounts received from the Representative Meeting it appeared that Rhoda Kelly and Susan H. Smith were appointed representatives to this meeting one of whom is present. A complaint has been presented at this time from the Overseers on account of Deborah S. Tabor who is as followers. Viz.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting held the 28th of the 11th month 1850

Deborah S Tabor having for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings for worship and discipline and from a sense of the uneasiness of those who have separated from us, have visited her on that account, she informs that she feels satisfied with her present course, and is willing to submit to the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the overseers Mehetable Eddy
Judith Smith

New Bedford 11th month 24th 1850

On which account we appoint Mehetable Eddy and Susan H Smith a committee to visit this friend and report such further proceedings as may appear to them best to be done.

We have also received one from the Acushnet Preparative Meeting of Friends Viz.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends.

Ruby S. Allen having entirely neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and allowed the indulgence of those who have separated from us, we have visited her on the account, she informs us disposition to change her course which we submit to Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of the overseers Mehetable Eddy
Judith Smith

New Bedford 11th mo. 24th 1850

Which having claimed the consideration of the meeting it is brought before the case and the clerk of the same Committee report that they have accomplished the object of their appointment.

Our Friends inform that they have an interest to keep Burning Spring the light of truth, with which this meeting unites.

The Queries with answers to them severally considered at this time. Epistles from and to the several yearly meetings in unity with us. Our next Quarterly Meeting of our Friends therein to be held and that our Clerk inform this meeting appoints its representatives, and they are requested to report their attendance at this next Monthly Meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held to be held at Nantucket for Dartmouth.

Dear Friends

By our friends Susan H Smith and Mary Ann Clark whom this meeting appoints as its representatives, we forward answers to the Queries usually considered which we think acceptable of the present state of our meetings so far as they extend, and remain your friends, signed in and by direction of New Bedford Monthly meeting of women friends held 28th of 11th mo 1850

by Mary Ann Clark

Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends held 12th month 5th 1850

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives therein named are Rhoda Kelley and Lydia C Barnard who are both present, The committee under appointment to visit Deborah S Clarke and Lydia T. Chase reported at this time that they had not been able to attend to it on account of sickness.

Mary Ann Clark

Clerk

The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, report they attended agreeable to appointment.

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of women held 23rd of 1st month 1851.

By the accounts from the Preparative meetings the representatives from were Susan H. Smith and Lydia C. Barnard, who are both present. The committee appointed in the 11th to visit Deborah S. Taber and Ruby S. Allen on account of the complaints preferred against them have produced to this meeting a Report at this time viz.

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends The committee in the case of Deborah S. Taber report, that we have attended to our appointment, we appear to be fully satisfied in the concern she is professing, and we have further taken from us will be unavailing, which we submit to the meeting.

Mehitable Eddy
Susan H. Smith committee.
New Bedford 1st month 12th 1851.

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends Agreeable to our appointment we have had an opportunity with Ruby S. Allen on account of her conduct in the disturbance of our meeting for worship and discipline, and labored with her as ability was afforded, in order to convince her of her error; but she did not give us any encouragement of attending our meeting which we submit to the judgment of the Monthly meeting.

Mehitable Eddy
Susan H. Smith Committee
New Bedford 1st month 12th 1851.

which after hearing been duly considered are united with, and they are accordingly denied the right of membership having the concurrence of two other friends present, and Hannah P. Gifford is warned to inform them of the decision of this meeting in their cases.

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 2nd of 3rd month 1851.

By the accounts received at this time from the Preparative Meeting the representatives there named are Rebecca Eddy, and Lydia C. Barnard, who are both present.

Information is received at this time that the friend under appointment to inform Deborah S. Baker and Ruth S. Akin of their disownment has not attended to it on account of sickness.

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 2nd of 3rd month 1851.

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Hannah P. Gifford and Mary Ann Tabor. who are both present.

Hannah P. Gifford reported at this time that she had informed Deborah S. Baker and Ruth S. Akin of the decision of this meeting in their cases. The Queries with answers have been received and read in this meeting, and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Rebecca Kelley and Susan H. Smith whom this meeting appoints as representatives, and they are requested to report their attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting of women Friends to be held at New Bedford for three weeks

Dear Friends

We herewith forward answers to the Queries which we believe descriptive of the present State of this meeting, by our friends Rhoda Kelley and Susan H Smith, whom we appoint our Representatives, and remain your friends,

Signed in and by direction of New Bedford Mo. Mtg. of women friends held 2nd of 3rd mo. 4th 1851

Mary Ann Taber, Clerk

Our friends informs, that her name is included to Henry Edward W. Howland in the visit of our Quarterly, with which this meeting unites.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 24th of 4th month 1851

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting, the representatives to this meeting are, Mary Ann Taber and Hannah B. Gifford who are both present.

The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting, did not they attended agreeable to appointment.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 22nd of 5th month 1851.

By the accounts received from the Preparative meeting at this time, the representatives are Rhoda Kelley and Sydna S. Howland who are both present.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 26th of 6th month 1851.

The friends named in the Account from the Preparative meeting as representatives are Hannah B. Gifford and Mary Ann Taber, who are both present.

We have received through the Preparative meeting at this time answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries which, together with the Queries have been read, approved and directed to be forwarded to our

...ing Quarterly Meeting, by our friends Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber whom we appoint our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance next month.

To the Quarterly Meeting of women friends next to be held at Nantucket for Sandwich.

Dear Friends

By our Friends Susan H Smith and Mary Ann Taber whom we appointed representatives, we forward answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries which we believe declare the present state of our Meetings so far as they extend, and remain your friends

Signed by direction of New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 26th of 6th month 1851

By Mary Ann Taber Clerk.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 24th of 7th month 1851.

By the accounts received at this time from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are Hannah B. Gifford and Lydia C. Barnard, who are present except one who was prevented from attending on account of indisposition. —

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported that she attended agreeable to appointment.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 28th of 8th month 1851.

The representatives named in the account from the preparative meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Lydia C. Barnard who are both present.

A complaint has been received at this time from the Overseers against Lydia C. Barnard for disunity with this meeting by her going contrary to the order of Society in attending a marriage.

We have to inform the meeting that Lydia T. Barnard late Tillinghast has married contrary to the rule of our Society & is not a member

On behalf of the Committee

Wm. Wood Clerk
Mary Ann Taber.

New Bedford 25th 9th month 1851

which having claimed the attention of the meeting it was concluded to appoint Judith Swift and Susan H. Smith a committee to visit her as way opens and report to this meeting when read.

The time having expired for which the services of those two were appointed, the names of Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber were proposed and being united with they were accordingly appointed for the year ensuing & until another appointment.

The time having also expired for which a Committee of the Preparative Meeting appointed Susan H. Smith and Hannah P. Gifford are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The time having also expired for which a committee to have charge of the Burial Ground and the notice of Friends were appointed Susan H. Smith and Lydia T. Barnard are appointed to extend their care as may be found necessary for the ensuing year or until another appointment. Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 25th 9th month 1851.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting at this time the appointees Rhoda [illegible] and Susan H. Smith were both present. The committee appointed last month to visit Lydia T. Barnard on account of the complaint brought against her produced the following report,

The New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends

According to appointment we have visited Lydia T. [illegible] on account of the complaint against her [illegible] and have had a satisfactory opportunity with her, and find she feels no wish to

New Bedford 8th month 28th 1851.

which after a time of deliberation was united with
and the meeting by desire [illegible]
[illegible] having the concurrence of
and Rachel Cliffe is appointed to
time [illegible]

The [illegible] at this time [illegible]
[illegible] meeting [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible]
Grace Ann Cliffe by the name of Grace A. Barnes
[illegible] Cliffe whom [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

At New Bedford Preparative Meeting of Friends held the 23rd of 10th month 1851

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting at this time the representatives to this meeting are Hannah B. Cliffe and Thomas Hillier who are both present. The time having expired for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed Thomas Cope is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year or until [illegible]

The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended [illegible]

At the Preparative Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 27th of 11th month 1851

The representatives named in the account from the [illegible] are present

Our friends inform that they have [illegible]
[illegible] Market the 26th of November
last with which this meeting [illegible]

Hannah B. Cliffe informed the [illegible]
appointment in the case of Lydia [illegible]

We have passed through the preparative meeting minutes to the 3 Queries usually considered, which together with the Queries have been read & approved and are to be forwarded together with an account to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia Hall and Rhoda Kelly and Edward Hall

Our Esteemed friend John Wilbur is in attendance at this meeting at this time with a minute from Scotch Ridge Monthly Meeting, dated 10th mo. 25th 1851, expressive of his unity with the concern of appointing some meetings in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, should way open it, some in Salem and Dover. His company and good labors have been satisfactory and encouraging.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 25th of 12th month 1851.

The Friends named in the minutes of the preparative meeting as those appointed representatives are Rhoda Kelly and Lydia T. Hall who are both absent one on account of sickness

The friends abstracted last month to attend the Quarterly meeting at Sandwich and Dartmouth we have no reports.

Complaints having been received and read at this time against Ruth Hoag and Persis Hoag, which are as follows viz.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends

Ruth Hoag having unduly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings for worship and discipline, and attending the meetings of those who have separated from us we have visited her on the account, we believe she is clearing herself in her present course neither can take up the cross and attend our meetings, which we submit to the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the Women
Friends Meeting
Mary Ann Taber Clerk

New Bedford 12th month 3d. 1851.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends held
Friends Isby having neglected for a considerable
time the attendance of our Religious meetings for worship
and discipline, and attended the meetings of
those who have separated from us we have visited
her on that account, the appearance that she
attended the meeting she was called to and informed
satisfied with it and declined receiving the visit
information respecting the steps which she would
have been subjected of into on account of the separation
that has taken place in our Society which we
submit to the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the Women
Friends
Judith Swift
Mary Ann Taber

New Bedford 12th month 3d. 1851.

Which having been duly considered it was thought
best to defer the appointment of a committee in
this case until next month on account of the small
number of Friends present.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held the 8th of 1st month 1852.

The representatives named in the account from the
Separative meeting are Susan Wetherald and Mehetabel
Eddy who are both present.

The complaints against Keziah Isby and Ruth Ann
having again been presented at this time, read and duly
considered, it is concluded that Lydia A. Brown and
Mary Ann Taber shall continue a committee to visit
them, & report their proceedings
and state of the meeting at next Monthly.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 26 of 2nd Month 1852

The Friends named as representatives in the account from the preparative meeting are Rhoda Kelley and Susan R. Smith who are both present.

The committee in the case of Keziah Toby produced the following report, viz.

To New Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends. We were appointed to visit Keziah Toby on the ground of the complaint brought against her, She said she was satisfied she attended the meeting of the People of Friends, and did not wish to attend any else. Believing further labor from us will not be useful we submit the case to the meeting.

New Bedford 2nd month 25th 1852.

Lydia T Burnard

Mary Ann Taber. Committee

Said report accepted by the meeting she is allowed the right of membership having the unity of men Friends Rhoda and Susan R Smith is named to inform her hereof.

A report of the committee in the case of Ruth Tripp has not been received and read at this time, and is as follows.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends. We your committee in the case of Ruth Tripp report that we have visited her on the ground of the complaint brought against her, She appeared satisfied in the course she was pursueing, and did not expect to attend our meetings. Believing further labor from us will not be useful we submit the case to the meeting.

Lydia T Burnard

New Bedford 2nd month 25th 1852. Mary Ann Taber.

which after being duly considered is united with and she is accordingly allowed the right of membership having the countenance of men Friends Rhoda and Susan R. Smith is desired to inform her of the decision of this meeting.

One of the representatives appointed to attend our East Quarterly Meeting reported at this time that they all attended agreeable

[illegible]

This meeting informed with the [illegible] Epistle prepared by our dear friends addressed to Yearly Meetings on monthly meetings expressive of their unity with the Gospel labours of our ancient friend Isaac Hilbert who with us in the 11th month, and the Clerk is directed to sign a copy thereof in conjunction with the Clerk of next meeting on this meetings behalf.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 25th of 3rd month 1852.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives to this meeting are Lydia S. Barnard and Hannah P. Gifford who are both present.

Susan H. Smith reports she has informed Josiah Coby and Ruth Hunt of their disownment.

The Queries with answers thereto, have been read approved and together with an account are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by our friends Susan H. Smith and Lydia S. Barnard whom this meeting appoints our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance next month.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th month 29th 1852.

The friends named in the accounts from the preparative meeting as representatives to this meeting are Lydia S. Barnard and Hannah P. Gifford who are both present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends held 5th mo 27th 1852.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting at this time it appears the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber who are both present [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of women Friends held 24th of 6th month 1852.

The friends named in the accounts from the preparative meeting as representatives to this meeting are Rebecca Kelly and Susan H. Smith who are both

present. — We have received through the preparative meeting the following complaints from the Overseers against Lunn Wood, viz.

To New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends. Lunn Wood having neglected the attendance of our religious meetings for worship and discipline and attended the meetings of those who have separated from us we have visited her on the account, she expressed her satisfaction with her present course and evinced no disposition to attend our meetings or make satisfaction to Friends, which we submit to the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the overseers. Judith Swift

Mary Ann Taber

New Bedford 3rd mo. 3rd 1851.

Which after being considered Lydia F Barnard and Mary Ann Taber are appointed to visit Lunn and report to this meeting next month.

The Queries with answers to the first, second, & tenth have been read and approved and directed to be forwarded together with an account to the ensuing quarterly Meeting by our Friends Lydia F. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber whom this meeting appoints as representatives and they are requested to report their attendance to our next monthly meeting.

A proposition having been brought before us at this time from the Select Meeting, for the appointment of Judith Swift to the station of Elder, the subject after being duly considered was united with by leaving the case under of our men friends therein and such information is to be forwarded in the accounts to our next Quarterly Meeting.

George H. Eddy having removed with his family to reside within the limits of Dartmouth his monthly meeting requests our Certificate to that meeting, on which account we appoint Susan H. Smith and Lydia F Barnard to join a committee of men friends in preparing one if they should open for it and present to our next monthly meeting

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At the Bedford Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 22 of 5th Month 1852.

The representatives named in the minute from the preparative meeting are, Susan H Smith and Mary Ann Taber who are both present.

Mary Ann Taber informed this meeting on behalf of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, that they both attended.

One of the committee under appointment to visit Lund Hood, informed that they had not attended to it on account of one of the members being taken from home.

The joint committee of men and women friends appointed last month to prepare a removal certificate for Dartmouth Monthly Meeting agreeable to the request of George M Eddy have accordingly performed the same which is as follows, viz.

"To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

George M. Eddy having removed to reside within the limits of your meeting has requested a certificate of removal for himself and family, viz, his wife Elizabeth H. and three children Abraham T. and Mary H. S.

This is to certify that they are members of this meeting, have been diligent in the attendance thereof when the state of the family would admit, are of orderly life, and conversation while with us, and depart as Friends settled their outward affairs to satisfaction.

We therefore commend them to your Christian care and oversight, and remain your friends.

Francis Taber Jr. Francis Taber Jr.
Charles H. Hussey Mary Ann Taber
Susan H. Smith
Lydia S. Barnes. Committee.

which being approved at this meeting the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this meeting in conjunction with the Clerk of Quarter meeting.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 26th of 8th month 1852.

By the account received at this time from the Preparative Meeting it appeared the representatives to this meeting are Rachael Ricketson and Mary A. Tabor who are both present.—

The committee appointed in the 6th month last visit Anna Wood on account of the complaint brought against her brought forward the following report viz.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends — We your Committee in the case of Anna Wood report, that we have visited her agreeable to appointment, and she justified the course she is pursuing and views no discreditable inconsistency in her conduct. Being in unity with your request we submit the case to the meeting.

Mary Ann Tabor
New Bedford 8th month 18th 1852. Lydia C. Barnard

which being united with by the meeting she is united in the right of membership in accordance. Granted having the concurrence of our friends Benjamin and Lydia C. Barnard is appointed Treasurer for this meeting and Rachael Ricketson Clerk for the ensuing year.

The time having expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed and the request claiming the attention of Friends being united in the reappointment of the same Friends it was concluded that they be united another appointment.

The time for which the Overseers for the Preparative Meeting also expires the names of Susan Tucker and Rachael R. Ricketson being proposed for that service were united with and they are accordingly appointed until 7th month next or until another appointment.

The time for which a Committee to have charge of such females as come under the notice of Friends having also expired the meeting is united in the reappointment of Susan Wilbur and Lydia C. Barnard

abide in, and faithfulness and obedience are manifested, according to the degree of Divine Light, and the measure of the gift and calling received, we shall not be disobedient to all it is the enemy, however subtle, or deceptively he may be disposed against us, or however cunningly he may be disabled to the peculiar circumstances in which we are placed, and to the particular weakness or infirmities to which we are either more or less subject until the work of redemption and salvation is completed through the effectual operation of His Power, who is able and willing to save us from our weaknesses and infirmities, as he was in the days of his outward and personal appearance amongst men, when applied unto him, in living faith, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt thou canst make me clean," and made every whit whole.

But dear friends we have been aware, and it ought to be watched against, that it will not be sufficient for any of us to have had our senses anointed to see into the mysteries of God, and thereby be gone other professors of the Christian name, and our hearts stirred and enlarged to view the spiritual nature and unchangeable character of Christ's Kingdom and government, while many of our fellow professors have been blinded by the God of this world, so as not to see and witness a pure confession of the saints faith, and maintain the testimony of sound words and sound doctrine, but to have done so in the Life, having been clothed with a degree of zeal for the support of the united doctrine and testimonies of Truth, in opposition to error, under our own vine, as it respected us in our day, and to lift the Ark of the Lord's Testimony and bear and set it the ground, but it is also indispensibly necessary that we should know an abiding in the power of life, under the cleansing operations and the

[illegible] of the Holy Spirit; that so, receiving daily a fresh portion of grace from heaven we may witness a growth and advancement in the truth, and our connection with him who is the Head of the Body, the Church, we may be enabled to bring forth much fruit, and all our offerings will pass through the fire of Love, a sacrifice to his praise and honor. And thus coming to be witnesses of a living and operative faith, which will make us [illegible] and to obtain the victory through our Lord, and walking in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have fellowship, one with another, and the Son of God and of the Brethren will indeed, and abound among us. In [illegible] in him, and in whom he dwells, dwell in love, and his Divine Light shines around and leads them safely along in the way of Life and Salvation.

And in conclusion, beloved friends, we would affectionately entreat you, in the simplicity of faith and obedience, to seek the direction of that Wisdom which cometh from above, to guide and govern you in every action, and strictly to adhere unto the Light of Christ in your consciences, as the only sure way to preserve you in the continual fear and dread of offending against the Lord, and to walk worthy of the Lord unto all well pleasing, and be fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, and the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth, Jew and Gentile, bond and free, male and female, and which is able to build you up a holy people unto God, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Signed by direction,
and on behalf of the Meeting, by

[illegible]
Clerk.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 9th month 23rd 1852

The representatives named in the accounts from the Preparative Meeting are Mehitable Eddy and Susan M. Smith who are to be present.

We have received epistles from our last Yearly Meetings minutes which have been read to our satisfaction.

Information has been given to this meeting that Edith W. Barnard has attended to her appointment in the case of Ann Wood.

We have had at this time the company of our Esteemed friend Benjamin Baker, who produced a Certificate from Starkborough Monthly Meeting of Friends, held 1st of 9th month 1852. expressive of unity with his visit in his present religious prospect of visiting the meetings composing New England Yearly Meeting. - likewise an Endorsement from Scipio Pond's Monthly Meeting held 4th of 9th month 1852. of their unity with his accordingly and sympathy with his present religious engagement. his company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. -

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read, approved, and to be recorded in the account to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Susan M. Smith and Mehitable Eddy whom we appoint our representatives and they are requested to report this attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting.

At an Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of 6th month to the 16th of the same inclusive 1852.

4th day of the week and 16th of the month.

The joint committee of Men and Women Friends to whom was referred the situation of such of the members of this meeting as manifest a disunity to the doctrines and testimonies of our religious society within the limits of Smithfield, Providence, Pawtucket

[illegible] Meetings, have [illegible]
Order the following Minute.

On a view of the difficulties and embarrassments under which Friends labour, in consequence of the General disposition in Principle and inclination in Practice of Friends, Christian parents, Guardians and Trusted to Mediate if it be the inclination of the meeting, and to whom such cases of Friends, who have manifested a sincere attachment to the united Principles and Testimonies, professing to live within the limits of our Monthly Meeting, which is Composed of the Western Quarterly Meetings, and such application to be received in this manner, It is agreed that such Monthly Meetings be at liberty to receive them, and that they be considered as members thereof, according to the [illegible] of their Meeting, and upon their producing satisfactory evidences of their living in unity with Friends in life and conversation, and of their outward affairs being settled. — And in case of their [illegible] in necessitous circumstances whereby an application is made for their requiring pecuniary assistance of Friends, and within the limits prescribed by our discipline, with regard to the obtaining of allowances, they not having contributed to the funds of the Meeting within the limits of which they reside, It is advised that such friends should be [illegible] and encouraged to receive from their Monthly Meeting, like as if married if they were to attend such meetings for [illegible] their accounts to the meeting for [illegible] having approved the same, the expense is to be defrayed by a draft on the Treasurer of this meeting. This being read and [illegible] and duly considered, is approved and directed to be recorded, — and the subject of [illegible]

them as do not become, as well as of such friends, who reside within the limits of the Monthly Meeting, which shall have the right to and who are within the acknowledged limits of any Quarterly Meeting claiming our consideration.

It is also the sense and judgment of this meeting, that the same indulgence, may be applied under the direction & the wisdom & the spirit of truth, to such Friends, as may continue to reside within the limits of the said delinquent Quarterly Meeting, which have been refused to, as well as to such as are members of the said Quarterly Meeting, which are duly established in this, and who may reside within the limits of any monthly meeting in either of the Quarterly, which does not join said Quarterly, in correspondence now, by reason of the great difference in principle and the political conduct in certain existing among the members of such monthly meetings generally.

The Friends appointed yesterday morning to unite with a committee from the Women's meeting to consider of the subject, and if way opened for it prepare an essay of a communication to our subordinate meetings and the members thereof, embracing some of the exercise of the meeting, and such counsel and advice, as might appear best, have produced the following.— Which having been read & duly considered is approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

by Mary Hibbard Clerk
to the Committee this year.

Mary Ann Faber Clerk

At the Bedford County Meeting of Friends held 10th Month 1852.

By accounts received from the Preparative meeting at this time it appears that a meeting at Susan Hilton and Ruth E. Hilton was settled except one for which no satisfactory answer was assigned.

The time having expired for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed, the appointment of Clerk from each Preparative meeting after a time of deliberation was united with and one is accordingly appointed to that service for another year at which time appointments.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, that may attend appointed to attend.

At the Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 25th 11th Month 1852.

The friends named for the several Preparative meetings representatives to the Quarterly meeting, Susan Hilton and Hannah Hilton were both present.

The Queries were read & the answers thereto considered at this time, when one and each being given to consider the general state of the meeting so far as they extend. A report is to be prepared for the accounts to the next Quarterly meeting by our friend Cyrus H. Bonsall and Susan Hilton whom we appoint are requested to attend & the next monthly meeting.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 12 mo. 23d 1852.

The representatives named in the accounts from the preparative meeting are Hannah S. Gifford, and Susan H. Wing, who are both present. The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 2d of 1st mo. 1853.

We are informed by the accounts from the preparative meeting that Susan H. Wing and Susan H. Wing were appointed representatives this meeting who are both present.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 24th of 2nd mo. 1853.

By information received in the accounts from the preparative meeting the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Wing and Wealthy C. Taber, who are both present. This meeting unites with men friends in the disownment of Abraham L. Taber.

Mary Ann [illegible] Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 24th of 3rd mo. 1853.

We are informed by the accounts received from the preparative meeting that the representatives to this meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Hannah S. Gifford who are both present. The queries with answers thereto have been read at this time and are to be forwarded with the accounts to the Quarterly meeting by our friends Lydia S. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber whom we have appointed our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance to this meeting next month.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 4th mo. 30th 1853.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting the representatives therein named are Susan Hiller and Lydia F. Barnard who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment. The following complaint from the overseers having been presented to this meeting on account of Maria Brown late Wessell, Lydia F. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber are appointed a committee to visit her and report at a future meeting.

To New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends. This is to inform that Maria Brown late Wessell has joined herself with another Society and married with one not a member with us contrary our established order which we submit to the meeting.

On behalf of the Overseers
Mehitabl. Eddy

4th mo. 21st 1853. Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 5th mo. 25th 1853.

We have received accounts from the preparative meeting and the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber who are present.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of women Friends held 23rd of 6th mo. 1853.

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Susan Hiller and Susan H. Smith who are present. The Queries with answers to the same usually considered at this time have been read and being approved are directed to be forwarded together with the accounts to the ensuing Quarterly meeting by our friends Mary Ann Taber and Hannah Pope whom we appoint our representatives and they request to make report to this meeting next month.

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends held 7 mo. 28. 1853.

We have received accounts from the preparative meeting and the representatives therein named are Holly C. Taber and Lydia T. Barnard who are present. One of the friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly meeting reported on their behalf that they were prevented from attending on account of indisposition. The time having expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed and the subject claiming the attention of Friends they were united in the reappointment of Mehitable Eddy Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The time having also expired for which the Overseers of the Poor were chosen Susan H. Smith and Holly C. Taber are appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment. Lydia T. Barnard and Susan Wilbur are appointed a Committee to take the necessary care in regard to such funerals as may come under the notice of Friends for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 8th mo. 25. 1853.

The accounts received from the Preparative meeting at this time inform that the representatives to this meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Hannah T. Gifford who are present.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 22nd of 9th mo. 1853.

By the accounts present from the Preparative meeting the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Susan Wilbur and Mehitable Eddy who are present. A complaint from the Overseers has been presented at this time against Rhoda Kelley on which account Susan H. Smith and Hannah T. Gifford are appointed to visit and labour with her as way may open, for her restoration to the unity of friends and report to this meeting when ready.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends

held in 11th month 1853 having [illegible] for a
few times past in relation to attending both for worship and
discipline, and Minded to inform Meetings of those who have
appeared [illegible] to us, we have visited them several times and
the account [illegible] favorable cause and given
us no encouragement of attending our meetings in future.

On behalf of the overseers

Judith Swift

New Bedford 15th 1853. Mary Ann Tabor

The Queries & the answers to the Same monthly meeting have
been read and being approved are directed to be forwarded with
the account to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends
Lydia H. Howard and Hannah B. Gifford, whom we appoint
our representatives and they are requested to report their
attendance next month.

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 12th month 1853.

We have received the accounts from
the respective meeting and the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Susan H. Smith and
Polly E. Tabor who are present.

The committee appointed last month to visit Rebecca
Kelley on account of the complaint brought against her
produced the following report viz.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends

We your committee in the case of Rebecca
Kelley report, that we have attended to our appointment
but do not find that in a retrospection of mind we can
thereby satisfaction, we did the give any encouragement of again attending our meetings which we
submit to this Monthly Meeting

Susan H. Smith

New Bedford 12 month 26th 1853. Hannah B. Gifford

which after a time of deliberation was united with by this Meeting and she is accordingly decided this Eighth Month Meeting having the concurrence of Friends Louisa and Lydia C. Barnard is appointed to inform her thereof and report to this meeting at our next monthly meeting.

The Friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report, they attended.

Rec'd the Salem Clerk

at New Bedford Quarterly Meeting; Three Friends were present

Sixth Month 1853.

The clerk of this Meeting having absented herself Edith Swift is appointed for the day.

The Epistles received from the preparative meeting and representatives attended the Quarterly Meeting Louisa Russell and Edith Swift and Susan H. Smith who are present.

The Epistles and answers to the Epistles considered at this time have been read and being approved are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting by our friends Louisa Russell and Edith Swift whom we appoint our representatives and they are requested to report their attendance at our next Meeting.

Lydia C. Barnard reports that she has informed Rhoda Ricketson of her appointment.

Edith Swift Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 23rd of 12th Month 1853.

The time having expired for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed Mary Anna Taber is appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment. By the accounts received from the Preparative Meeting at this time we are informed that Susan H. Tabor and Lydia C. Barnard is appointed representatives to this meeting who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting are from this Meeting attended agreeable to appointment

We have had at this time the company of our
Esteemed friend Elias Pennington who produced a copy
of a minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting of
Friends held 8th month 11th 1853. endorsed by Hamilton
Quarterly Meeting held at Lincoln 11th of 9th month 1853
expressive of his unity with them in his gospel
labours & requesting for his company and comfort
& that they have such meetings as he and his
Friend is disposed to appoint & a minute
of approval of the same in connection with the
Friend's recent visiting on behalf of Truth.

Mary Ann Faber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 26th of 1st mo. 1854.

The clerk of this meeting being absent
Judith Swift is appointed for the day. By the
accounts received from the Preparative meeting Susan
H. Smith and Judith Swift are the representatives to this
meeting who are present.

Judith Swift Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 23d of 2nd mo. 1854.

By the accounts received from the
Preparative meeting we are informed that Judith Swift
and Mary Ann Faber are the representatives to this
meeting who are present.

Mary Ann Faber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 23d of 3d mo. 1854.

We are informed by the accounts receiv-
ed from the Preparative meeting that the representatives
appointed to attend this meeting are Hannah P. Gifford
and Lydia T. Barnard who are present.
The Queries have been read with answers thereto and
being approved are to be forwarded with the accounts to
the Quarterly meeting by our Friends Judith Swift and
Lydia T. Barnard whom we appoint our representatives
and they are requested to report their attendance to our

next monthly meeting. This meeting unites with
men Friends in
the appointment of Stephen Swift to the Station of elder.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 4th mo. 27th 1854.

The clerk of this meeting being absent
Lydia J. Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.
By the accounts received from the preparative meeting the
representatives to this meeting are Susan Wilbur and Mehitable
Ellis who are both present. The representatives to the Quar-
terly Meeting report they attended.

Lydia J Barnard
Clerk

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 25 of 5 mo. 1854.

By the accounts received at this time
from the preparative meeting the representatives appointed
to attend this meeting are Susan Wilbur and Hannah T.
Gifford one of whom is present.

[illegible] Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 22nd of 6th mo. 1854.

We are informed by the accounts presented
from the preparative meeting that the representatives to this
meeting are Susan Wilbur and Susan H. Smith who are
both present. The Queries with answers to the first
second and tenth have been read and being satisfactory
are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our
friends Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber whom we have
appointed our representatives and they are requested to report
their attendance at our next monthly meeting.

At New Bedford monthly meeting of Women Friends held 7th mo. 27th 1854.

By the accounts received at this time from the preparative meeting it appears that the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Judith Swift who are present. The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended. The committee under appointment to visit Maria Brown late Russell on account of her deviations have produced the following report which after being considered is united with and she accordingly denied the right of membership having the unity of our men friends herein and Lydia S. Barnard is appointed to inform her thereof and report at a future meeting. The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received also an Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends both of which have been read we trust to the comfort and satisfaction of many minds.

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1854.

In consideration of the importance of rightly conducting the affairs of the Church, our minds have been humbled under a sense of our weakness and utter insufficiency of ourselves to do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth or redound to the Glory of the Great Head of the Church and the Desire of our hearts has been "To whom shall we look arise".

"At the same time we are bound to acknowledge that He who has promised to be "strength in weakness riches in poverty and a present helper in the needful time" has not been unmindful of us but has through the effusion of his love and of his mercy manifested himself by the opening of a little bread among us by which we have been afresh animated and encouraged to come up to the help of the Lord to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

While our minds have been saddened by being again reminded that the "fathers and mothers are fast passing away" and solicitude has been expressed for the middle aged and they have been encouraged to greater dedication of heart that so there may be found

these among them qualified for faithful standard bearers when those who have borne the burthen and heat of the day shall have passed from works to rewards and instead of the fathers may be the sons and instead of the mothers the daughters.

A burthen rests on the minds of Friends that mothers may be especially careful to fulfill their duties to their tender children to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and although they may not see any present fruit of their labours they are encouraged to trust that it will not be cast them in vain but "be as bread cast upon the waters found after many days."

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth and they have been tenderly and earnestly solicited to give up in the morning of their days to serve the Lord who for every act of dedication will most assuredly reward and will as He is looked unto for help make "hard things easy and bitter things sweet to their taste."

The uncertainty of time has been feelingly brought to their view and desires imparted that they may so harken to the convictions of duty as to lay aside every weight and centre down to the witness for God in their own minds that so their adorning "may not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel but that it may be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price."

Our meeting has been introduced into suffering on account of some of our members having given their support to priests wages insomuch as to attend meetings where there has been an hireling ministry and much concern has prevailed that none should be so unmindful of the sufferings of our early Friends as to fail to support any of those precious testimonies which they felt called upon to bear and for which some of them laid down their lives.

We have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and our dear absent sisters have been from time to time feelingly brought to our remembrance and desires have been raised that they we as may persevere in the line of required duty that thereby we may know an increase of strength and finally receive the end of our faith even the salva

tion of our souls."

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
by Sarah L. Liddon. Clerk.

An Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting
of Women Friends held at Hope Bridge by adjournments from the
19th. of the 5th. mo. to the 31st. of the same inclusive 1854.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of New England.

Dear Sisters.

Our hearts have been renewedly refreshed by the
reading of your consolatary Epistle of last year and we were brought
into deep sympathy and exercise that we might so live and move
and have our being as truly becomes the followers of a meek and cru-
cified and risen Lord and as partakers together of so great mercy.

And although great have been our trials and deep
our provings of late times it has pleased our Heavenly Father
at this time of holding our Yearly Meeting to give us a little ear-
nest of his good presence to our humbling Admiration feeling
wholly insufficient of ourselves for any good word or work but be-
ing again renewed in the firm belief that our sufficiency is of God
and that we must cease from man whose breath is in his nos-
trils for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Therefore beloved let us look to the Lord with full
purpose of heart and He will assuredly be with us and fight
all our battles, for "in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

And it is the fervent breathing of our spirits that
that we may be willing to learn of Him, who was a man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief, for if we are made partakers with him
in sorrow we shall be raised with Him to joy: Therefore
let us press forward through the cloud of opposition with an
eye single to the Invincible Captain of our salvation who was
never foiled in battle, He are again bound back unto
Egypt that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

With the salutation of dear love we bid you an affectionate
& farewell. Signed in and by direction of the aforesaid meeting by Susanna Hoag.

Clerk to the meeting this year.

Dear Friends inform that they have appointed a committee to confer with friends of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on account of Stephen Swift having removed with his family to reside within the limits of that meeting and we unite herewith appoint Lydia S. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber to join in them in the service and report their judgment in the case when ready. The time having expired for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed and the subject having claimed our attention at this time it is concluded to appoint Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber to serve for one year or until the appointment.

The appointment of suitable friends to have the oversight of the poor being again brought before us Susan W. Smith and Hetty C. Taber are appointed to that service for another year or until the appointment.

Susan Wilbur, Lydia S. Barnard and Hannah P. Gifford are appointed a committee to render any assistance necessary at such funerals as may claim the attention of Friends.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 8th mo. 1854.

The committee appointed at the preceding meeting to confer with Dartmouth Meeting on the subject of Stephen Swift's removal within the limits of that meeting reported that they had met with a committee from said meeting and Hannah P. Gifford who were present. We have been favoured to unite with them in the following minute to join the minutes of their last Yearly Meeting viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island the adjournments from the 11 of 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1854

11th of the week and 14th of the month. The committee appointed at a previous sitting to consider the subject of extending the minute of 1852 have recommended to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following

[illegible] the same [illegible] part and end of the meeting
[illegible] much of the [illegible] held in the
year 1852 as [illegible] be removed to [illegible]
[illegible] the Lord's [illegible] that sincere and
consistent [illegible] as may [illegible] qualifying
Monthly Meeting [illegible] is a branch of
[illegible] Rhode Island [illegible] Dover a Quarterly
Quarterly Meeting from within the limits of
[illegible] Yearly Meetings on their [illegible]
application to such Monthly Meetings and
producing such evidence of their [illegible]
[illegible] and the settlement of their
outward affairs as is required in said Minute
which having been read was approved the
Yearly Meeting united therein and the
Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to
the several Quarterly Meetings.

Extracted from the minutes and
signed by direction and on behalf of the
Meeting by Peleg Whitehill Clerk this year
which being read is satisfactory to us. The
committee appointed last month to unite
with friends of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting
on account of Nathan Swift removal with
his family within the limits of that
Meeting produced the following report
To New Bedford monthly Meeting of
Friends. Agreeable to appointment we
have in conjunction with the committee of
Dartmouth Friends met and conferred with a
committee of Friends from Dartmouth
Monthly Meeting on the subject of
Nathan Swift's family residing within
the limits of that Monthly Meeting
and attending this which resulted
in according to this Meeting to
grant permission from Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting for that family to have their

& remain members of this Monthly Meeting

New Bedford 8 mo 23 1854 — Francis Taber, Gideon Wilbur, Mary Ann Taber, Lydia C Barnard

[illegible] Meeting [illegible] is [illegible] Friends in unity [illegible] with the Clerk of Trees Meeting addressed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting [illegible] the [illegible] of Robin Swift and family [illegible] [illegible]

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 28th of 9th mo 1854

By the accounts received at this time from the preparative meeting it appears the representatives to this meeting are Hannah P Gifford and Mary Ann Taber who are present. The Queries have been read with answers to the 3 usually considered at this time and being approved as directed to be forwarded with the accounts to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting to our friends Judith Swift, Hannah P Gifford and Mary Ann Taber whom this Meeting appoints as representatives there and they are requested to report to this Meeting next month

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 26 of 10th mo 1854

The accounts present from the Preparative Meeting inform that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Susan H Smith and Martha C Taber who are present. The friends appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting
of Women Friends held 3rd of the 12th mo
1854

The accounts from the
Preparative Meeting inform that the Committee
of this Meeting are Lydia Swift and Susan
Wilbur who are Present. The Queries have been read
and answers to the 1st 2nd and 11th which we believe
gives us the general state of the Meeting so far as
Friends and we are desired to be informed with re-
gard to our next Preparative Meeting to be held
at Susan Wilbur and Rebekah Gifford whom we have
appointed as our Representatives that and to be held
to adjourn to this meeting next month. Ann Jenkins
informs that she have united with Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting in releasing the Quarterly Meeting to be held
amongst the Friends thereof said Monthly Meetings
to allow Lydia Swift and Hannah Russell
liberty & ordinance to remain members of this Meeting
with which we unite

Signed by Order
Clerk

At New Bedford Preparative Meeting
of Women Friends held 5th mo 12th day 1854

We have received the account
from the Preparative Meeting by which we are informed
that the Representatives to this Meeting are Susan W
Wilbur and Judith Swift who are present the follow-
ing minute has been received against Lydia Howe late
Russell namely

New Bedford Monthly Meeting
Women Friends

Dear Friends

This will inform you
that Lydia Howe late Russell has married in a manner
contrary to the order of Friends with one not in membership
with us Judith Swift Trustees
New Bedford 11th mo 14th 1854 Mary Ann Gifford

on which account Judith Swift and Lydia P. Barnard are appointed a committee to visit and labor with her for her relation. and report to this meeting when ready. Friends have furnished us with the following extracts from the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting namely.

By information received from New Bedford Monthly Meeting it appears that they are desirous of so far altering the bounds between that Meeting and Dartmouth monthly Meeting as to include Elijah Swift and family at their present place of residence within their limits. And Dartmouth monthly Meeting approving this of this meeting after a time of consideration is united in granting the request with which the Women Meeting unites. And the Clerk is directed to furnish New Bedford monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 9th of 12th mo. 1854

James Austin } Clerks
Sarah S. Peckham }

Which being read is satisfactory to this Meeting.
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting attended agreeable to appointment.

T. Tobey
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 25 1855

By the accounts received at this time from the Preparative Meeting we are informed that the representatives to this Meeting are Lydia P. Barnard and Ruth C. Tobey from each. The Friends appointed last month in the case of Louisa Howe late Russell make the following report. Namely.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends,

Agreeable to appointment we have visited Louisa Howe on the subject of complaint made against her. She manifested no inclination to retain her right of membership. Believing that a minute of denial be made against her — Believing further labour from us will

not be useful or without the use of the Meeting

Judith Swift (Present)

At New Bedford 1st mo 24 1855 Lydia C Barnard

Which is regular & the Meeting met the appointments denied the right of membership. Among the minutes of our Yearly Friends Hannah and Lydia C Barnard is appointed to inform Her thereof and report to this Meeting to this Meeting next Month

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2 mo 22 1855

The accounts present from the Preparative Meeting inform that the representatives named to attend this Meeting are Mehitable Eddy and Hannah P Sisson who are present.

Lydia C Barnard reports she has informed Friends of the decision of this Meeting in her case

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 22 of 3d m. 1855

We have received the accounts from the Preparative Meeting the representatives there named are Susan M Smith and Mary Ann Tabor who are present.

The Queries have been read with answers that are required to describe the present state of this Meeting and they are directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting together with a copy of this minute by our friends Judith Swift Mehitable Eddy and Lydia C Barnard whom we appoint our representatives. And they are requested to report to this Meeting next month.

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk

At New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 4th mo 1855

We are informed in the accounts received from the Preparative Meeting that the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Judith Swift and Susan H Smith, one of whom is absent on account of indisposition. The friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report their attendance.

Anna Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 5th mo 1855

The accounts present from the Preparative Meeting inform that the Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Hannah P Clifford and Judith Swift both of whom are present.

Anna Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 6th mo 1855

We have received the accounts from the Preparative Meeting which inform that the Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Susan H Smith and Sylvia Barnard both present. Our esteemed friend Ruth H Purington presented to this Meeting a minute from Sandwich monthly meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 30th of 5th mo 1855 expressive of their unity with her, and also with her gospel ministry accompanying her husband Edmund Purington in his proposed visit. Her company has been acceptable to us. We have also been furnished by our friends with a minute from Sandwich monthly meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 30th of 5th mo 1855 inclosed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 9th of 6th mo 1855, on behalf of our esteemed friend Edmund Purington certifying their unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. His company and useful labours have been satisfactory to us. The Queries with answers to the same usually considered at this time have been read and being approved are directed to be forwarded

vessels as it was meet, filled and prepared, for the Redeemers Kingdom.

And while we were thus feeling the absence of some of our dear sisters who have usually mingled with us in our annual assemblies and have been partakers with us, in the various exercises of the occasion who are now prevented from attending by sickness, and miss their travail of spirit, yet we are comforted in the remembrance of the gracious promise left us on record, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." and strengthened to believe that although our union is not large as on some former occasions, we have known something of that spiritual communion and unity. I sincerely desired that we might feel the same power to overrule the meeting as we had done and that, that as well as all our meetings in the Society might be held as was said by that eminent, "then in the truth fear &c. "in the power of God."

That our young sisters might be encouraged to give heed to the dictates & limitations of that Seed which is raised to rule into dominion, would regulate and bring all our actions under subjection to the yoke of Christ, and thus we affectionately exhorted to leave all the fascinating things of time and sense, that instead of being conformed to the fashions, customs and maxims of this world, they would turn their whole attention, when the fashions and customs are removed from us to inward, & divine, to fill their places.

We then might hope to realize the ancient declaration that the branch would go

fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with
banners. — While we have been
[illegible] in [illegible], we have
[illegible] hope that [illegible]
[illegible], under the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
faithfulness and dedication in the performance
of every religious duty and in the end
be gathered to the true Fold.

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid, by Edward C. Haddock Clerk to the meeting this year.

The [illegible] required to which the
[illegible] of this [illegible] were appointed
the names of Judith Wright and Mary Ann
Tabor being proposed for [illegible]
[illegible] with and they are continued in
that service another year & until another
appointment, except of one member from
whom it is thought best to take [illegible]
any other appointments at this time.

M. A. Tabor, Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women
Friends held 25th of 4th month 1855.

We have received accounts from
the Preparative meeting by which we are informed that the appointments to this meeting
of Susan White and Hetty H. Tabor who are
left forward. A Minute of [illegible]
[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held at Apponegansett, by adjournment
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Apponegansett by adjournments
from the 25th of 5th mo. to the 30th of the same inclusive 1855

To Dear and Greatly Esteeming of Overseer Friends

Dear Sisters

We have at this time been
renewedly exercised over a sense of the inability of
creatures in any thing that will provoke the pure and
Heavenly Father to bestow upon us the riches of his love it
would settle upon the pottery of that water which alone
can satisfy the thirsty desires [illegible] of living streams of
Love which makes glad the whole heritage of God and of
one baptized by that saving baptism which brings all into the
unity of the one spirit, and into the uniting and cementing
fellowship of the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
wherein we can stand in whole assurance of faith, and endeavor
to strengthen and encourage each other to run with patience the race
set before us, and look from the Author and finisher of all true and
living faith. We have received your truly sympathetic Epistle of 6th
mo last the reading of which we trust has been a strengthening visit
to many; and may we with you and you with us more after the manner
dear Israel that we have passed through to the watch tower
the only true place known to righteous in all ages have ever
found safety and as there has been a willingness to dwell in
the overshadowing reverence of the whose tender mercies are over
all his works, hath made their way in and through the
deeps of [illegible] wonderful will he enlarged their dwelling
in translating them from the power of darkness into the
glorious liberty of the unchangeable truth. Therefore beloved
sisters let us hold fast the profession of our faith without
wavering.

In a measure of the love of the Gospel we salute
you and bid you farewell.

Signed in and by direction
of the Meeting by

Sarah Hoag Clerk

Some of our members being again absent it is thought
best not to enter into any new appointments
at this time

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a Preparative Meeting held at New Bedford 2d mo 7th 1862

By the minutes received from the Preparative Meeting we are informed that the appointments appointed by this meeting to Susan and Judith Swift who are both present. The selection of each Friend to serve the remainder of the year having been referred to a future meeting it is now proposed that Susan Wilbur continue to act as representative for that meeting for another year in connection with the appointment made with by this meeting. Also that Lydia F Barnard Susan Wilbur and Hannah P Gifford continue to wonder any assistance that may be found necessary in such cases as may from time to time arise of Friends and being united with the appointment for another year or until further appointment. The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st & 2d & most that we have observe in present state of this meeting respecting the above and they are directed to be presented together with the answers to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber whom this meeting appoints as representatives thereto and they are requested to report to this meeting next month

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2 mo 11 & 12 1862

The Friends named in the accounts from the preparative Meeting as representatives to this are Susan Wilbur and Mary Ann Taber one of whom is absent. The time having expired for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed and the reading of Mary Ann Taber being proposed and Friends united therewith she is accordingly reappointed in that service for another year or until other appointment. Lydia F Barnard reports that she has informed Louisa Howland of the Preparative

decision of this Meeting in denying to her the right of membership in the 1st Month last. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment. Our Friends inform that Silvanus Swift requests a Certificate to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on account of Marriage with with Hannah K Sherman.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Meeting of Women of Women Friends held 12th of 11th mo 1855

By the accounts present from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Hannah S Gifford and Lydia T Barnard who are both present. We are informed by our Friends that they have accomplished Silvanus Swift with a certificate to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on account of marriage with Hannah K Sherman a member of that Meeting with which this meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf thereof in conjunction with the clerk of men's Meeting. The Queries have been read with answers & first 2d and 10th and being satisfactory to the Meeting are directed to be forwarded together with a copy of this minute to the approaching Quarterly Meeting by our friends Rebekah B Eddy and Judith Swift whom we have appointed as our representatives thereto and they are requested to report to this meeting next month

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting
of Women Friends held 27th of 12th mo 1855

By the accounts received from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives to this meeting Susan Wilbur and Hetty C Taber who are present. The friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting

report attended ... Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
friends held 1st mo 24th 1856

... Mary Ann Tabor
... Monthly Meeting of Women ...
held 1st mo 24th 1856

The accounts present from the
preparative meeting report that the representatives to
this meeting are Mary Ann Tabor and Lydia S Barnard
who are present

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 3d mo 27th 1856

We have received the accounts from
the preparative meeting which report that the appoin-
tees appointed to attend this meeting are Judith
Swift and Holly E Tabor who are present. The Queries
have been read with answers thereto and being approved
are directed to be forwarded with a copy of this minute to
the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia S Barnard
and Judith Swift whom we have appointed our representa-
tives and they are requested to report to this meeting
next month

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 24th of 4th mo 1856

We are informed by accounts
present from the preparative meeting that the friends
appointed to attend this meeting are Susan Wilbur and
Judith Swift who are present. The report from the
Quarterly Meeting report they attended agreeable to
appointment. We have received at this time a removal
certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting

on behalf of our friends John Beadle and Hannah
H his wife which was read and accepted by this
meeting having the concurrence of men friends
Present

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 22d of 5th mo th 1856

The accounts presented from the
preparative meeting inform that the representatives
to this meeting are Susan H Swift and Hannah P
Gifford one of whom is absent. A removal certificate
from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on behalf of
Hannah K Swift has been received and accepted by
this meeting and men friends united herewith

Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 26 of 6th mo th 1856

Accounts have been received from the prepar-
ative Meeting which informs the representatives
to this meeting are Hannah H Beadle and Hilty
E Taber who are both present. The Queries have been read
with answers to the same usually considered which we believe
to be descriptive of the present state of this meeting
and they are directed to be forwarded together with the
accounts to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our
friends Lydia T Barnard and Mary Ann Tabor who
we have appointed our representatives and they are requ-
sted to report to this meeting next month. Our beloved
friend Lydia Hallock attended this meeting with a
certificate from Hector Monthly Meeting held 3d mo
12th 1856 endorsed by Sapio Quarterly Meeting held
at Hector by adjournment 4th mo 30th 1856 which has
been satisfactory and her company and religious
labours acceptable and edifying to us. We have likewise
the company of our esteemed friend Sarah B

[illegible] Monthly Meeting held at Hester [illegible]
acceptable to us. Our Dear Friends favoured us with a visit from Hester monthly Meeting held [illegible] by Joseph
Quarterly Meeting held at Hester by adjournment the 20th of 4th mo 1856 on behalf of our beloved friend Joseph Tuppe whose company and able [illegible] have been satisfactory to us Also one for our esteemed friend David Hester from Nottingham and Little Britain monthly Meeting held at Nottingham [illegible] Maryland 4th mo 21st 1856 on behalf of
Nottingham Quarterly Meeting held at Deer Creek Harford County [illegible] on the 14th of 5th mo 1856 were favoured with his religious [illegible] his company and gospel labours [illegible] to us. Our [illegible] and Nathan Hunt [illegible] with us at this time favoured with a copy of a minute from the same monthly meeting his company has been acceptable and has caused satisfactory tears.

Mary Ann Sabin Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 7th mo 1856

Accounts present from the preparative Meeting informs that the representatives to this meeting are Susan Rotch and Lydia I Barnard who are present. The Friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended. A request from Eliza Bonney to be reinstated as member of this monthly meeting has been received and after some deliberation upon the subject Judith Swift and Lydia I Barnard are appointed to visit her on account thereof and report to our next monthly Meeting. Our beloved friend Joseph Tuppe attended this meeting his company and gospel labours have been truly edifying and encouraging to us and the clerk is left at liberty to sign a copy of a minute to Hester monthly Meeting in conjunction with the [illegible] of this meeting on behalf of this meeting.

The time having expired for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed and the proposition

being made to reappoint Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber
after being duly considered was united with and they are
accordingly appointed to that service for another year or until
another appointment. The appointment of some friends
to have the oversight of the poor having claimed our attention
Hannah P Gifford and Thetty E Taber are appointed
to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment
And also that Susan Potter Lydia F Barnard and
Hannah P Gifford be appointed a committee to take
all necessary care at such funerals as may claim the
attention of friends.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

To New Bedford Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held 27th of 8th mo 1856

We are informed by the minutes from the
preparative meeting that the representatives to this meet-
ing are Hannah P Gifford and Lydia F Barnard who
are both present. The committee appointed last month to
visit Eliza Chaney on account of her request to be reinsta-
ted a member of this meeting and this meeting thinks
they were not prepared to furnish a report at this time
Lydia F Barnard reported she was informed Maria
Brownell had passed of jurisdiction of this meeting in
disownment the eight month last. Extracts from the
minutes of our last Yearly meeting have been read at
this time. We mail from the same that Thetty E Taber
is recorded a minister. Mary Ann Taber with a certificate
to Sherman monthly meeting on account of marriage
with Elisabell [illegible]. Hiram a member of that meeting and
the clerk is left at liberty to sign the same in connection
with the clerk of same.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

The friends named to inform Elbow Bay of the division of this meeting reports she attended thereto.

Mary Ann Taber

Clerk for the day

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 2d of 12th mo 1856

The accounts being present from the preparative meeting inform the representatives to this meeting are Judith Swift and Lydia T Barnard who are present.

The time having expired for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed it was proposed that Mary Ann Taber should serve the meeting another year or untill another appointment

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th which we believe describes the present state of this meeting as far as they extend and they are to be forwarded together with our minutes to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Susan Wilbur and Judith Swift whom we have appointed our representatives thereto and they are requested to report their attendance to this meeting next month. Transcripts of acceptable epistles from Baltimore and New York yearly meetings have been read at this time to our satisfaction and encouragement

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 2d of 12th Mo 1856

The accounts from the preparative meeting that the representatives to this meeting are Lydia T Barnard and Mary Ann Taber who are present. Information is received that the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting attended agreeable to appointment

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 22d of 11th mo 1856

[illegible]

Mary Ann Tabor, Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 26th of 2nd Month 1857.

[illegible]

Clerk.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 26 of 3rd month 1857.

We are informed by the minutes received from the Preparative Meeting held the 25th inst that the representatives to this meeting are Sarah L. Barnard and Ruth C. Tabor both of whom are present. The Queries have been carefully answered Each individual being officially addressed to the same. This Monthly Meeting appoints as its correspondents Lydia L. Barnard and Judith Swift and they are requested to report to our next monthly meeting.

Mary Ann Tabor

Clerk.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of women friends held 23 of 4th month 1857.

By the minutes present from the Preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Judith Swift and Ruth C. Tabor who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report the Minutes appointed to their care.

Mary Ann Tabor

Clerk

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of women Friends held
[illegible] 1857.

We have received the Minutes from the Preparative Meeting held at [illegible] 4th instant, by which it appears that those appointed to this meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Lydia G. Barnard who are present.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held
25th of 6th month 1857.

[illegible] appointed by the Preparative Meeting held at this place on the 4th instant to attend this meeting, Lydia G. Barnard [illegible] present.

[illegible] Minutes from the Preparative Meeting held on Grand River the 2nd of 5th month, endorsed [illegible] Quarterly meeting held at Lincoln 5th month 6th 1857 [illegible] Minutes, and forwarded [illegible] and encouraging lines, and the Clerk is directed to [illegible] this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to write [illegible] Preparative Meeting, and the [illegible] to attend this meeting regularly.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held
23rd of 7th month 1857.

[illegible]

[illegible] Meeting appointed [illegible] to be held
[illegible] Meeting [illegible] attended [illegible]
[illegible]

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 27th of 8th month 1857.

By the accounts received from the Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting we are informed that Susan Tabor and Hannah C. Tiffany appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting in Baltimore in behalf of this Meeting, also that the minute granted the Women Friends of this meeting on the subject of the appointment of Friends Tiffany and Mary Ann Tabor to attend the Yearly Meeting was united with and the same accordingly confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting's appointment.

Report of the number present at this time, it is thought best to defer making any other appointments to a future meeting.

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk.

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th & 8th month 1858

By the accounts received from the Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting we are informed the representatives appointed [illegible] attended the meetings united in the appointment [illegible] Tiffany and Mary Ann Tabor for another year in addition to [illegible] and also that Susan Tabor [illegible] Barnard [illegible]

minute of our last Yearly meeting [illegible] of visiting York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings [illegible]

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2[illegible]

By the minutes of [illegible] from
Respective meetings we are informed that the representatives
[illegible]
& Taber who are both present The friends under appro
attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended
Mary Ann
[illegible]

Accounts are pre[illegible]
respective meeting which inform that The r[illegible]
this meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Lu[illegible]
[illegible]
Monthly Meeting on behalf of Mercy Jeffords
and accepted by this meeting Then friends
and is as follows viz

At a New Bedford [illegible]

Dear friends

within the limits of your meeting this may cer[illegible]
her behalf that she is a member of this and obliged in
attendance thereof circumspect life and conv[illegible]
[illegible]
care and oversight. and remain your
Signed on behalf of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting
of friends held 25th of 11th month 1824
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
held 2d of 12th month 1857

By accounts present from the
meeting we are informed that the repre-
this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Susan
are present. The Friends
Report the Epistle agreeable to appointment

Mary Ann Tabor
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends
held 2nd of 11th mo. 1858.

We are informed by the accounts present from the
preparative mtg. that the representatives to this mtg. are
Lucy H. Smith and Polly C. Wilbur who are both present
Five Friends named under appointment to attend the Quarter-
ly mtg. report them attended. A removal certificate
from Sharon Mo. this mtg. on behalf of Elizabeth W. Taber
wife of Robert K. Taber has been received, and is accepted
by this mtg. having the unity of our Men friends.

One of the committee proposed last month to prepare
a removal certificate for Eliza Barney reported that they
had not yet prepared one.

Extracts from the
minutes of our last Qtly meeting, and a transcript of an
Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Mtg. of Women Friends, held
at Baltimore, have been read at this time to our encourage-
ment and satisfaction.

To New Bedford Monthly Mtg of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Elizabeth W. Taber wife of Robert K. Taber
having removed to live within the limits of your meeting,
requests our certificate. This may certify that she is a
member of this mtg. of whose life and conversation, and
we have unity to recommend her. At the same time we part
with her, with the solid belief that she will be a valuable
friend here to your Christian care and to your friends.

Signed on behalf of Sharon Monthly Meeting
of Friends, held at Wells River 9th mo. 25th 58.

Isabella B. Thomas
Israel Buffington } Clerks

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 28th of 4th mo. 1868.

The accounts were received from the preparative mtg. inform that the representatives to this meeting were appointed for this month, who are not present. The time for which they is which the services of those were chosen, we are united in the appointment of Hannah L. Clifford and Hetty C. Taber to that service for the ensuing month & the appointment. The time having arrived for which a committee was appointed to attend such funerals as claim the notice of Friends, and extend the care that may be found necessary, Sylvia A. Burnell and Hannah L. Clifford were proposed to fill that station for the ensuing month & the appointment.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th, which we think will convey to the present state of this meeting as far as opened, and are to be forwarded together with the minutes of the various Quarterly meetings to the yearly meeting. Hannah L. Clifford was appointed to attend Yearly meeting & report to our next monthly mtg. A minute of the Preparative meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth, R.I. 4th mo. 22d 1868 was received and accepted and read at this time. We have received a removal certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on behalf of Susan A. Baker which is accepted by the Preparative meeting directed and is as follows: viz.

To a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends

Susan A. Baker having removed to reside within the limits of your Meeting, requests a removal certificate. We certify on her behalf that she is a member of our religious

[illegible] and has been [illegible]
[illegible] meetings, when circum-
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 28th of 12th mo 1858

We have received our
preparative meeting account and the representatives
above mentioned are Hannah T Jeffrey and
and Lydia T Barnard who are both present. The friends
appointed last month to attend the Quarterly
meeting report they attended.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 1st mo 26th 1859

We have received from the
preparative meeting report the representatives appointed
to attend this meeting are Susan H Smith and
Hannah T Jeffrey & the meeting informed
for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed they
are to be informed at the next meeting
or until another appointment

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 23rd 2nd mo 1859

We have received from the
preparative meeting report the representatives to
this meeting are Hannah T Jeffrey and Lydia T Barnard
who are both present

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 24th of 3d mo 1859

By the accounts received from
the preparative meeting we are informed that the
representatives appointed to attend this meeting are
Mary Jeffrey and Lydia T Barnard who are both present
The Queries have been read with answers thereto which are

satisfactory and they are directed to be forwarded together with our request to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting of our friends Hannah Schooley and Lydia [illegible] whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith, and report to our next monthly meeting. Also some of our members are absent we conclude to adjourn the matter to the 21st instant for the further consideration of the subjects which have been brought before us.

At an adjournment of Newberry Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 21st of 2d mo 1833

The representatives appointed

[illegible] meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of [illegible]

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

[illegible] meeting of Women Friends

[illegible]

Now informed by means

[illegible] from the preparative meeting that the rep

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting of Women Friends

held 21st of 2d mo 1833

[illegible] meeting are Isaac H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber who are both

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of
friends held 23d of 6th mo. 1859

By the accounts present from the preparative
meeting we are informed that the representatives appoin-
ted to attend this meeting are Susan Wilbur and [illegible]
[illegible] Tabor who are present. The Friends appointed with
answers to the 1st 2d and 10th which being satisfactory to this
[illegible] the Friends appointed
account to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends
Lydia J Barnard and Hannah B Gifford whom we appoint
-ment to attend therewith and report to our next Monthly
Meeting Mary Ann Tabor Clerk

[illegible]
Friends next to be held at Nantucket

Dear Friends

We herewith forward you the
[illegible] the 1st 2d and 10th Queries
which we believe describes the present state of this
meeting so far as they extend by our friends Lydia
J Barnard and Hannah B Gifford whom we appoint
[illegible] representatives
Signed on [illegible] New Bedford Monthly
Meeting of Women Friends held 23d 6th mo 1859

By [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 28th of 7th mo 59

The accounts present from the
preparative meeting inform that the representatives
to this meeting are Susan H Smith and Mary Ann
Tabor who are both present. The Friends appoint-
ment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report
they all attended. This meeting is informed by a

[illegible] the
[illegible] proposed from one of the Monthly Meetings of this
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting received with the Epistles and
[illegible] of proposed Essay written, The Friends of Dartmouth
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting appointed to a minute produced
[illegible] to Salem Quarterly Meeting and entered of Record
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting in 4th mo. last Deborah with her Certificate
[illegible] and Sarah Ann as Liberty to Attend the same which
[illegible] she being a member in unity with us and
[illegible] may attend their Friends concurring Therein
The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a minute
containing the substance of this and sign the same
in connection with the Clerk of mens meeting.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 25th of 8th mo. 1859

By the accounts present from
the preparative meeting we are informed that the
representatives to this meeting are Hannah Rogers
Lydia H. Barnard one of whom is absent. Extracts from
the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read
at this time also a transcript of an Epistle from
Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Women Friends both
of which have been acceptable and satisfactory.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 22d of 9th mo. 1859

The accounts being present from
the preparative meeting informs that the representatives
to this meeting are Hannah Rogers and Mary Ann Taber
both of whom are present. The Minutes have been read with
answers to the 1st 2d and 3d queries. Approved and
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by
our friends Judith Hayward & Mary Taber and they are requested to accept

as far as they extend and they are directed to forward
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

At [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends held 21st of 5th mo 1866

[illegible] appointed to attend this meeting from the preparative meeting [illegible] Gifford and Lydia T [illegible] present [illegible] Smith and Mercy Gifford whom we [illegible] with and [illegible] report to this meeting [illegible]

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 26th of 4th mo 1866

The accounts present from the preparative meeting [illegible] appointed to attend this meeting are [illegible] and Hannah P Gifford who are with us [illegible] Quarterly meeting report they attended agreeable [illegible]

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

[illegible] are informed by [illegible] from the preparative meeting that the [illegible] has appointed to attend this meeting [illegible] Gifford and Holly T Taber who are with us

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 6th mo 1866

By [illegible] from the preparative meeting we are informed [illegible]

Taber having declared their intentions of marriage with
each other before this meeting we appoint Judith Swift to
meet the necessary enquiries respecting Hasty &
Taber clearness of other marriage engagements and
report to our next meeting. The answers were read
with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th and being approved
were directed to be forwarded with the following account
to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia
H. Barnard and Judith Swift whom we appoint our
representatives and they are requested to report their
doings and with their friends inform that
they have concluded to adjourn this meeting to
our concurrence we unite with them herein and
are

Friends sent to to be held at Nantucket

Dear friends

We herewith forward you the
minutes of the [illegible]
[illegible]
by Lydia H Barnard and Judith Swift whom we appoint
our representatives. Also inform that we have received a
report of our [illegible] Yearly meeting
[illegible]
satisfaction and encouragement

Signed on behalf of [illegible] Monthly Meeting

[illegible] 4th mo 1860

[illegible] Taber Clerk

under appointment as above.

Mary Ann Tucker Clerk.

At a Select Monthly Meeting

[illegible] from
[illegible] representative Meeting were informed that the [illegible]
[illegible] meeting are Hannah Gifford and Susan [illegible]
both are both present. The subject of appointing [illegible]
to attend such Funerals as may [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] being again brought before us we are united in [illegible]
[illegible] the said meeting a [illegible]
approvalment. The Queries have been read [illegible]
to the 4th and to which being approved are [illegible]
ended with this account to our next [illegible]

[illegible]
we appoint our representatives and [illegible]
to report to this meeting next [illegible]

Mary Ann Tucker Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 28th of 1st mo 1861

The account being present from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Lydia F. Barnard both present.

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 28th of 2d mo 1861

By the account received from our preparative meeting we are informed the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber one of whom is absent

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Mon. Mtg. of Women Friends held 28th of 3d mo 1861

The account from our preparative being present we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are Mercy Gifford and Mary Ann Taber who are both present. The Queries have been read with answers thereto which being approved are directed to be forwarded with an account to the ensueing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia F. Barnard and Susan H. Smith whom we appoint our representatives to attend therewith and report to our next monthly meeting

Mary Ann Taber Clk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 25th of 4th mo 1861

By the account received from the preparative meeting we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are Susan H. Smith and Lydia F. Barnard one of whom is absent. The friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended

Mary Ann Taber Clk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 23d of 5th mo 1861

The account present from the prep
arative meeting informs us that the representatives to this
meeting are Mary Gifford and Martha Taber who are
both present

Mary Ann Tabe Clerk

At New Bedford monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 27th of 6th mo 1861

The account received the
report from our preparative meeting informs
us that the representatives to this meeting
are Susan H Smith and Susan Wilbur one of whom
is absent. The Queries have been read with answers to the
1st 2nd and 10th which we have deemed the present state
of this meeting as far as they extend and being approved
by us are directed to be forwarded together with the minutes
to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Susan Smith
and Mary Ann Taber whom we appoint to attend and report
to our next Monthly Meeting

Mary Ann Taber
Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 25th of 7th mo 1861

The account received from our
preparative meeting informs us that the representatives
appointed to attend this meeting are Susan H Smith and
Martha Taber who are both present. One of the representatives
appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports the
attendance, the other that she was prevented from attending
by indisposition. Extracts from the minutes of said
yearly meeting also an epistle of advice and Christian
from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held

[illegible] Friends [illegible]
[illegible] to our comfort and satisfaction

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a Milford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 4th mo 22 1851

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Hannah P Gifford is appointed Clerk for the day. By the accounts received from the respective Preparative Meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Susan D Hoag and Hannah P Gifford who are both present. Our Friends inform they have concluded to adjourn; and this meeting also concludes to adjourn to the time Our Friends may appoint

Hannah P Gifford
Clerk for the day

At an adjournment of the Milford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 29th of 2th mo 1851

The meeting met pursuant to adjournment. The representatives appointed to this meeting are present. Our Friends inform us that there is no business for this meeting to claim the attention of the Quarterly

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At a Milford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2th mo 4th 1851

The accounts received from our respective meetings inform us that the representatives to this meeting are Hannah P Gifford and Elizabeth Wilson and who are both present. The Overseers have met with nothing to the [illegible] and Truth [illegible] that they have appointed are directed to [illegible] to the enforcement of [illegible] to our friends [illegible] Hannah P Gifford is appointed to represent this meeting at the next Quarterly Meeting

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of
Friends held 11th Mo 24 1861

The Clerk of this meeting being absent
[illegible] is appointed to serve for the day
By the account from the preparative meeting there
[illegible] and Judith Swift [illegible] represented
[illegible] the meeting who are present.
[illegible] Friends [illegible]
she attended Lydia T Barnard Clerk for the day

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of
Friends held 25th of 11th mo 1861

We are informed by the account from our
preparative meeting that the representatives to this monthly
Meeting are appointed & [illegible] and Judith Swift are
not present. The time hereto expired for which the
[illegible] of this meeting was appointed and the name of there
[illegible] being proposed [illegible] with she is accordingly
[illegible] to serve the meeting for the ensuing year or until
another appointment. The Queries have been read with regard
to the three usually considered at this time and being appro-
priated are [illegible] together with our account
to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Lydia [illegible]
[illegible] and they are requested to report to this meeting [illegible]
[illegible] having reported for which the [illegible] of this
meeting were appointed friends are [illegible] in the appointment
of Judith Swift and [illegible] that service for
another year or until [illegible] appointment.
[illegible] and Susan E Smith are appointed to [illegible]
the right of the poor for the same period. [illegible]
[illegible] extend such care as may be [illegible] which may claim the attention of Friends of the
meeting

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

Friends held at [illegible] 1811

The account from the respective
[illegible] informs that the representatives of this [illegible]
[illegible] and Sylvia Ashley and whose [illegible]
[illegible] express that she attended the [illegible]
[illegible] to appointment The meeting is [illegible]

[illegible] Taber Clerk

[illegible] Monthly meeting of Friends

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent

[illegible] appointed to attend this Meeting are [illegible]

[illegible] London and [illegible]

[illegible] it is [illegible]

[illegible] Leonard Clerk

[illegible] assembled agreeable to adjournment
[illegible] Having [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting held

By request to record, from a
Preparative Meeting we are informed that the
to this Meeting are Mary Ann Taber and Lydia F Barnard
at this time against Hannah M Boadle for
of

in the ability afforded and
intentions of marriage before this meeting was
to proceed to the accomplishment of their
according to the good order used among us. We appoint
& Barnard and Judith Tripp a committee to

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting held

Preparative Meeting informs that the
and Lydia F Barnard
in the Unity
Friend Book and the following

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of
agreeable to appointment we have visited Hannah Boadle
on the complaint brought against her. She seemed
satisfied with the course we were pursuing and gave us no
encouragement of attending our meetings in future
believing further labor
to visit the case to this meeting

Judith Tripp
Lydia F Barnard

New Bedford 3rd mo 26 1862

We are informed by the account present

To the New Bedford Monthly meeting of Women Friends

[illegible] request [illegible] would be consistent with her present prospects [illegible]

for your consideration

[illegible] report to a future meeting. She [illegible]

[illegible] an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly meeting of Friends held at Nottingham which has been read

28th of 5th mo 1861

[illegible] Yearly
Friends held 25 of 9th Mo 1862

We are informed by the [illegible]
representatives to this meeting are Mary Ann
Susan H Smith & we are both present. Informa-
tion through the preparative meeting that Lorain &
[illegible]
unite and in membership with us. We appoint Jno
and Lydia C. Barnard to visit and labour with
may open for it and report to this meeting next
The Queries have been read with answers to the
which we believe describes the true
as far as they extend this being
to be forwarded to the ensuing
Friends Judith Hoyle and Hannah Tyler
appointed to attend Nantucket and they are in
to this meeting next month
Mary

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 23 of 10th Mo 1862

[illegible]
preparative meeting informs that Mary Ann Tabor and
Lydia C. Barnard are the representatives appointed to
this meeting. They are both present and the minute
received last month & with them we unite
they are not prepared to report in the case of
Barnard reports that he is informed Elias Tabor
has disowned. Friends desire to express their
the representatives of the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket
agreeable to appointment
Mary Ann Tabor

held 25th of 7th mo 1863

We are furnished with a minute from our preparative meeting which informs us that the persons [illegible] we are directed to [illegible] with them as they [illegible] meeting as far as they are directed to [illegible] by Friends [illegible] with this accot. [illegible] appointed Hannah B. Gifford [illegible] they are requested to report to the meeting next month

Charge [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of [illegible] held 25th of 7th mo 1863

We have received [illegible] appointed to attend this Meeting are Hannah B. Gifford [illegible] who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they did not attend for satisfactory reason

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of [illegible]

The accounts from [illegible] Meeting being present inform that the repres[illegible] [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 25th of 7th mo 1863

We the accounts present from [illegible] Meeting we are informed that the persons [illegible] Meeting we are directed to [illegible] who are present. [illegible] have been read with [illegible]

held 28th of 1st mo 1864

The accounts presented [illegible]
meeting informs that the representatives [illegible]
Swift and Hannah P Gifford. They are present this time [illegible]
for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed [illegible]
granted to that service for another year or until another [illegible]
The committee appointed to visit Abbe H Wheeler [illegible]
[illegible]

At New Bedford the 8th day of the 8th month 1864 [illegible]
Appeared before me Judith Swift and Lydia Barnard [illegible]
[illegible]
which is accepted by this meeting and as [illegible]
propose referring the subject for consideration [illegible]
month this meeting unites therewith and it is [illegible]
accordingly

Mary Ann Jacob Clerk

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held

[illegible] appointed by [illegible]
[illegible] Gifford were [illegible] present. The Queries were
[illegible] answers thereto which we believe describe the
[illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
The following [illegible] from the Women's Meeting
held [illegible] were received &c

[illegible] New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends &c.

We [illegible] that Mary A Wood late Taber has
married in a manner [illegible]
and not in Membership with us

Judith Swift
[illegible] } Overseers

[illegible]

And Judith Swift and Susan H Smith are appointed
to visit and extend such labor as may [illegible] open for
and report to a future meeting

[illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held [illegible] 1864

We learn from the [illegible] that [illegible]
the represented to this Meeting are Hannah D Tefft
and Judith Swift both of whom are present. The appointed
to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended

Hannah Tefft
[illegible]

[illegible] New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 26th of 5th Month 1864

We are informed by the minutes presented from the Preparative Meeting that the Friends appointed to attend this Meeting were Susan H Smith and Judith [illegible] who are present

Mary Ann Gabbett

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held
6th mo 25th 1864

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent
Lydia T Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.

By accounts received from the preparative Meeting we are informed that Hannah P Clifford and Lydia T Barnard are appointed representatives to this Meeting who are both present.

The Meeting adjourns to be held next 5th day of the week
at New Bedford at the usual hour of Meeting

Held by adjournment 30th of 6th mo 1864
Representatives both present.

The [illegible] 1st 2d and 3d
[illegible] this Meeting
and they are directed to be forwarded with this account to
the [illegible] Meeting of Friends to be held [illegible]
Lydia T Barnard the Meeting appoints as representatives and they are requested to report their [illegible]
to this Meeting next month. We have received information from the Quarterly Meeting that the Yearly Meeting has granted the request to hold the Quarterly Meeting in 7th and 10th Months
New Bedford instead of Nantucket

Lydia T Barnard Clerk for the day

[illegible] New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held
28th of 7th mo 1864

The accounts present from the preparative Meeting inform us the representatives to this Meeting are Hannah P Clifford and Mary Ann Gabbett who are present. The Friends under appointment to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended agreeably thereto. Extracts from the Minutes of our last Meeting were read at this time.

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 25th of 8th Mo 1864

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting are Hannah P Gifford and Susan H Smith who are present.

Mary Ann Taber Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 22nd of 9th month 1864

The Clerk of this meeting
[illegible] absent Hannah P. Gifford is appointed to that service for the day.
By the women present from the Preparative meeting the representatives to this meeting are Judith Swift and Hannah P Gifford who are present. The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd 3rd and 11th which we believe describe the present state of this meeting so far as they extend and we directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our friends Lydia T Barnard and Hannah P Gifford whom this meeting appoints as representatives and they are requested to report their attendance next month.
Men Friends inform that they have concluded to discontinue the afternoon meeting on first day from the 1st of 11th mo to the 1st of 4th mo and that the forenoon meetings commence at eleven o'clock with which this meeting unites

Hannah P Gifford clerk for the day

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 27th of 10th mo 1864

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Hannah P Gifford is appointed to that service for the day. We informed by the records passed from the preparative meeting that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting were Hannah P Gifford whom with [illegible] meeting report they have attended and a report [illegible]

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 11th mo 1864.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia J Barnard is appointed to that service for the day.

By the accounts present from the preparative meeting we are informed that Judith Swift and Lydia J Barnard are appointed representatives to this meeting who are of the prison

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read in this meeting and are to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our friends Judith Swift & Lydia J Barnard. And in this meeting appears to be oppressive

and they are requested to report their attendance next month

The Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends next to be held at New Bedford.

By our Friends Judith Swift & Lydia J Barnard whom we have appointed our representatives we forward answers to the three queries usually considered at this time which we believe describe the present state of this meeting as far as they extend.

Extracted from the Minutes of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 24th of 11th mo 1864

Lydia J Barnard Clerk for the day

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 12th mo 22nd 1864. The clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia J Barnard is named for that service for the day. By the accounts present from the preparative meeting the representatives to attend this meeting are Susan H Smith and Judith Swift who are present. The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they attended

Lydia J Barnard Clerk for the day

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1st mo 20th 1865

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Hannah P Gifford is appointed for the day. By the accounts from the Preparative Meeting the Representatives to this meeting are Susan H Smith and Judith Swift one of whom is absent.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired Hannah P Gifford is appointed to that service for the year, & until another appointment

Hannah P Gifford Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo 23rd 1865

By the account present from the Preparative Meeting the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are Judith Swift & Lydia T Barnard who are both present.

Men Friends inform that they unite with this meeting in the disownment of Abby H Wilson and are appointed Lydia T Barnard to inform her thereof and report to this meeting when attended to

Hannah P Gifford Clerk

At a New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo 23rd 1865.

By the accounts from the Preparative Meeting the representatives to this meeting are Hannah P Gifford and Lydia T Barnard who are both present.

The Friend appointed last month to inform Abby H Wilson of her disownment reports she has attended to the appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto which we believe accurate the present state of this meeting and they are directed to be forwarded with this account to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting by our Friends Judith Swift and Hannah P Gifford whom we appoint to attend therewith and they are requested to report attendance next month

Hannah P Gifford Clerk

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women
Friends held 27th of 4th mo 1865
The Clerk of this meeting being absent Lydia J
Barnard is appointed to that Service for the day
By the account present from the preparative meeting
we are informed that Judith Swift and Lydia J Barnard
are appointed representatives to this meeting who are both
present. The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
report they attended. Men Friends inform they have
concluded to have but one meeting on First day for
the present agreeable to minute of last 9th mo with which
this meeting unites

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 5th mo 25th 1865.
By the account present from the preparative meeting
the representatives appointed to attend this meeting
are Judith Swift and Lydia J Barnard who are both present

At New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
held 12th mo 28th 1865.
By the account received at this time from the prepara-
tive meeting, the Friends named to attend this meeting
as representatives are Judith Swift and ~~Mary of~~ of
Lydia J Barnard who are both present.
The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report
that they both attended.
We have received the following extracts from the
minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting granting our request
of 9th mo last ~~granting~~ our to unite this monthly
meeting to Dartmouth

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 7th of 12th mo 1865

The committee appointed last Quarter on account of the request of New Bedford Monthly Meeting that its members be annexed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, now make the following report. viz

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends

The Committee appointed on account of request of New Bedford Monthly Meeting that its members be annexed to that of Dartmouth, now report, that they have attended to the object of their appointment; at first of the committee attended Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and obtained its consent to the annexation, and we are all united in proposing that Dartmouth Monthly, on the annexation be held four times in each year at New Bedford and that it be held in the months that next precede the one in which the Quarterly meeting is held, which will be the third, sixth, and ninth ~~months~~ and eleventh months and that the time of holding the Monthly meeting remain as at present. viz The fourth fourth day in each month

Which we submit to the meeting

On behalf of the Committee

John Boadle

Dartmouth 6th of 11th mo 1865 Lydia H Barnard

After a time of deliberating thereon the report is accepted as satisfactory and the request of New Bedford monthly Meeting is granted, it is the further conclusion

of this meeting that the meeting be dissolved at its next sitting; and the united meeting take place in the succeeding month at Dartmouth and the same Committee is reappointed to attend New Bedford monthly Meeting at the time of its dissolution and that of Dartmouth when the first united meeting takes place in order to render any assistance that may appear necessary, in conjunction with a similar Committee that may be appointed by the womens meeting, they are also requested to see that the books and papers are transferred to Dartmouth to Dartmouth Monthly meeting, also all unfinished business that may remain, and report to this meeting when accomplished, with which the Womens meeting unites.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid By Thomas K Wilbur Clerk

which is accepted by this meeting, which is accordingly dissolved and the future meetings to take place in the fourth fourth day in each month and to be held in New Bedford in the 3rd. 6th. 9th and 11th month at New Bedford.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to transfer the books and papers belonging to this monthly meeting to the committee